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AXE REMDESIVIR FROM COVID TREATMENT PROTOCOL: W.H.O.

The UN health body said on Friday there's no evidence that the drug improved the prospects of hospitalised patients

MAY STILL BENEFIT A SUBGROUP OF PATIENTS

The new guidelines come a month after results of WHO's multi-country Solidarity Trial revealed that the antiviral drug had no significant positive outcome on the chances of survival, the need for a ventilator, or the length of hospital stay in patients with severe Covid-19. The WHO, however, said there may still be a potential small benefit in a subgroup of patients

EXPERTS DIVIDED OVER ITS EFFECTIVENESS

- Reactions to the WHO trial's findings have been mixed with many health experts welcoming it while others expressing reservations
- A recent study by a group of doctors in Bengaluru found that the drug improved patients' survival chances if given early. A US govt-approved study had also come out with a similar finding in April

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THE COST OF A COURSE OF REMDESIVIR TREATMENT IN INDIA

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Door-to-door survey as Delhi ramps up response

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @New Delhi

AMID continuing surge in Covid-19 cases, Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Friday sought to enforce pandemic discipline by meeting representatives of market associations and seeking their cooperation, while assuring he does not want to shut down the markets.

He urged the representatives to provide masks for free to shoppers not wearing them. Parallelly, the government sought to wield the stick, as it provided legal teeth to the penalty of a whopping ₹2,000 it intends to slap on those flouting the mask norm. To do so, Lt Governor Anil Baijal approved a proposal to amend the Delhi Epidemic Disease Management of Covid-19 Regulations 2020, to insert the penalty.

Meanwhile, the Delhi government has begun a door-to-door survey to identify people having Covid symptoms. The massive exercise is expected to be completed in five days and cover over 57 lakh people.

In all, 6,608 new cases were detected in Delhi that is already witnessing a third Covid wave, taking the cumulative cases to 5,17,238. Also, 118 deaths were reported in a 24-hour span. The air quality too continued to be poor with smog choking the city's lungs.

Neighbouring Haryana recorded its highest single-day spike with 3,104 people testing positive. In Maharashtra, the fresh case count is now averaging 5,000 as compared to 2,000-2,500 last week. Wary of a second wave, Mumbai's schools and colleges will not open till December 31. They were earlier slated to reopen on November 23. With a steady uptick in fresh cases in Gujarat, night curfew has been imposed in Surat, Rajkot and Vadodara, in addition to Ahmedabad. P9

COVID BATTLE: WHERE K'TAKA STANDS

Recovery rate is at its highest: 95.81%

Positivity rate in the state had dropped from its peak of 12.54% on September 27, to 8.71% on November 20

Doubling period has increased significantly, with the state taking 68 days to double its cases

Negative growth rate of active Covid cases

Mortality rate is inching towards 1%, and currently stands at 1.33% P3

RBI open to letting large firms own banks

Feels private lenders will drive growth; wants to expand banking sector after strengthening supervisory oversight

SESA SEN @New Delhi

IT is time to open up India's banking sector to allow large companies to own banks, according to the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).

In its report released Friday, an internal RBI panel, headed by RBI Central Board Director P K Mohanty, said industrial houses can be allowed to promote banks after the Banking Regulations Act is amended to this effect.

The supervisory wing of the regulator must also be strengthened to prevent connected lending and exposures between banks and other financial and non-financial group entities, the internal group report noted.

The suggestions are significant as the central bank has in the past been firmly opposed to allowing large corporate entities to own banks.

The working group also suggested that large non-banking financial companies (NBFCs) with asset size of ₹50,000 crore and above, including those owned by corporate entities, be converted into banks subject to completion of 10 years of operations. This could benefit industrial houses such as Aditya Birla, Bajaj, Mahindra & Mahindra and Tata Sons that already have large NBFCs with more than a decade of operations.

HIGHER PROMOTER STAKE

- Promoters' stake be raised to 26% from the current 15% over 15 years, the report suggested
- It also recommended minimum initial capital requirement for licensing new banks be doubled to ₹1,000 crore for universal banks and enhanced to ₹300 crore from ₹200 cr for small finance banks

Back in the 1990s, when RBI doled out its first set of licences for private banks, it had left out industrial houses. However, the P K Mohanty panel, whose brief was to review the extant ownership guidelines and corporate structure for Indian private sector banks, said private banks will be crucial for the future growth of the banking sector, which is currently dominated by government-owned lenders.

Fourteen licences for universal banks have been issued in the private sector since 1993, out of which only 10 are operational now. While private banks recorded sustained growth over the years, there's a long way to break into the global top 100.

Currently, only the government-owned State Bank of India figures among the top 100 global banks by size. Large private banks including ICICI Bank and HDFC Bank have sizes lower than that of Spanish Banco de Sabadell, which ranks 100th.

The RBI has sought comments from stakeholders on the internal group's report by January 15, 2021, after which it will take a final call. P13

Info on husband's income just an RTI away

KANU SARDA @New Delhi

IF you suspect your estranged husband is concealing the size of his gross income to avoid paying maintenance, just file a Right to Information (RTI) application with the Income Tax Department to ferret out the data.

The Central Information Commission recently upheld the right of a spouse to get the data through the RTI mechanism. The order came as a huge relief for women, as in most matrimonial disputes, husbands understate their income, but are called out in court due to lack of proof.

The order came on an appeal filed by Rahmat Bano of Jodhpur wherein the commission rejected the I-T department's spin of her being a third party to block information. The CIC also rubbished the argument that seeking such information is out of the ambit of the RTI Act. It directed Jodhpur's I-T department to provide the data to Bano within 15 days.

Plugging the loopholes

"If false statements and misrepresentations are made, the court may consider initiation of perjury proceedings and for contempt of court," a Supreme Court bench recently said

The order came days after the Supreme Court tightened the rules regarding grant of maintenance in matrimonial cases. Henceforth, both spouses will have to make full disclosure of their income and assets from the date the maintenance application is filed.

The court noted that in many cases, husbands refuse to pay maintenance or alimony by disposing of their assets and claiming reduced income.

EXPRESS READ

Sonia sets up panel on eco, national security

New Delhi: Congress chief Sonia Gandhi on Friday set up three separate committees on economic affairs, foreign affairs and national security. P9

Biden wins Republican stronghold Georgia

Washington: US President-elect Joe Biden has won Georgia, becoming the first Democrat to win the state since 1992. P12

Oz expert flags threat to space infrastructure

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

WHILE satellite-enhanced capabilities for cyberspace are fuelling excitement globally, there are increasing concerns over the safety of space infrastructure to ensure cyber security, according to Tobias Feakin, Ambassador for Cyber Affairs & Critical Technology at the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

Feakin, who is the head of the Australian government's international engagement to advance and protect its national security, foreign policy, economics, trade, and development interests in the internet and in cyberspace, noted that cyber security through space infrastructure plays a crucial role with the enormous amount of bandwidth capabilities that satellites are now providing.

Speaking at a session on 'From Cyberspace to Outer Space: Innovating with Australia in a post-COVID world' at the Bengaluru Tech Summit 2020 on Friday, he said there is a huge amount of bandwidth uplift now with satellites catering to remote places rapidly, with such capabilities also being utilised in Australia's development programmes in India.

"Yet, just like a lot of legacy equipment, such as energy plant or piece of transportation or other critical infrastructure from decades ago, spacecraft too weren't designed with cyber secuity in mind," he said, pointing out that its need has been heightened now. P4

K'taka signs 8 MoUs

Bengaluru: The Karnataka Government on Friday announced eight MoUs and intentions for collaboration with partner countries. Countries like Finland, the Netherlands, Sweden, the UK and the USA showed their intent in partnering with Karnataka in the areas of skilling, R&D, ecosystem connects, life science and biotechnology, healthcare, etc.

SPACE COLLABORATION

Launch satellites from our launchpad: Sweden to Indian cos

PEARL MARIA D'SOUZA @Bengaluru

A little over a month after Sweden approved a site to launch small satellites at Esrange Space Center in North Sweden on October 14, the Sweden Space Corporation has made an offer to private Indian companies to bring rockets to launch small satellites from their new launchpad.

Confirming this to The New Indian Express on the sidelines of Bengaluru Tech Summit 2020 on Friday, Arne Christer Fuglesang, Sweden-based European Space Agency (ESA) astronaut who is now Adjunct Professor in Space Physics at KTH Royal Institute of Technology, Stockholm, however, said no rocket building facilities would be provided in Sweden for these companies.

Fuglesang explained that rockets built and assembled by Indian companies could be transported into Sweden to the site, and Swedish satellites to be launched will not weigh more than 150kg.

Although an appealing offer, the feasibility for Indian startups remains a question, said a source from the industry. The four startups in India that are working on launch vehicles to release 150-kg satellites into space, are yet to prove their launch capability. Neither is there a private launch site for the same in India. Indian space startups, at the moment, are waiting for the space policy to be released. P4

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VANDALISM

Hoysala-era temple idol desecrated

B R UDAYKUMAR @Hassan

SUSPECTED treasure hunters have desecrated and broken the idol of Goddess Mahakali at the historic Lakshmi temple in Doddagaddavalli of Belur taluk late night on Tuesday. However, the idols of Lord Shiva and Lord Vishnu, opposite the Mahakali idol were untouched.

The incident came to light when the temple priest went to offer puja to the deity on Friday morning. The miscreants have gained entry into the temple, located on the outskirts of the village, by breaking open the main door.

The broken idol of Goddess Mahakali at the 900-year-old Lakshmi temple in Doddagaddavalli of Belur taluk.

The over 900-year-old temple was built during the reign of Hoysala king Vishnuvardhana in 1113 AD. The Chatuskuta temple of the Hoysala style of architecture, was constructed by sculptors Pariyatra Mahavadda, Kullana Rahuta and his wife Sahaja Devi. Like the Hoysala temples in Belur and Halebid, the Lakshmi temple, with unique sculptures carved around it, also draws hordes of tourists and is conserved and maintained by the Archeological Survey of India.

Condemning the incident, Shivasugnana Murthy swamiji of Aremadanahalli Mutt, Arkalgud, has urged the district authorities to arrest those responsible and to take steps to install a new Mahakali idol at the earliest.

'Dept failed on security front'

Locals alleged that the Archeological department has failed to provide security to the historic temple. "The incident wouldn't have happened if security personnel had been posted", rued one of the villagers.

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Ritu: Sharad • Masa: Karthika • Paksha: Shukla • Tithi: Sapthami 1.27 am
Nakshatra: Shravana 2.19 pm • Moon in Meena Rashi • Rahukaala: 09:00 am to 10:30 am
Gulikakala: 06:00 am to 07:30 am • Yamaganda: 01:49 pm to 03:26 pm

WEATHER
MIN 15°C | MAX 28°C
FORECAST
Mostly sunny

Sunrise 6.21 am
Sunset 5.50 pm
Moonrise 12.06 am
Moonset 11.53 pm

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Labourers working on the Smart City project on Lavelle Road in Bengaluru on Friday | MEGHANA SASTRY

Comm Street to turn 'smart' by December 1

Minister Basavaraj pulls up engineers, contractors for laggard Smart City work

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SMART City work on Commercial Street will be completed in the next 10 days, failing which action will be taken against the engineers and contractors, KR Puram MLA and Smart City incharge minister Byrathi Basavaraj said on Friday, while inspecting the progress of work in Bengaluru.

Basavaraj met shopkeepers and members of the Commercial Street traders' association, who said they were unhappy with the pace of work. "I will inspect Commercial Street again after a week, and if there is no progress, they will be dealt with sternly," he said.

> Commercial Street is at the heart of the city, and a shopping hub. I have told the engineers and contractors to complete work in 10 days
>
> Byrathi Basavaraj, minister

The minister said BBMP officials were instructed to suspend engineers if they were not at the site to ensure that work was completed within the deadline. Contractors will also be penalised for delay. He said that Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa will be briefed, and that he would soon call officials from the BBMP, BDA, Bescom and BWSSB for a meeting, where the CM would deal with them.

With work on Raj Bhavan Road too pending, the minister said: "It is a very important stretch which many VIPs use. But due to delay in work and coordination with Bescom and BWSSB, there has been a delay. It will be completed by the first week of January 2021."

He also inspected Infantry Road, Kamaraj Road, Dickenson Road, Kensington Road, St John's Road, Church Street, Millers Road, Lavelle Road, Magrath Road, Haynes Road, Raja Ram Mohan Roy Road and Race Course Road. While he assured citizens that there would be no compromise on the quality of work, and that it would be completed within deadline, he was unable to justify why only well-laid roads were chosen for the Smart City project. He ducked the question of why TenderSure and roads chosen under the 14th Finance Commission were being redone under the Smart City project.

Basavaraj said he had inspected Smart City projects in Tumkuru and Davanagere, and was impressed by the progress. He would tour seven other cities soon.

Priority for Yelachenahalli Line: Safety officer

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THE Commissioner of Metro Rail Safety (CMRS) on Thursday concluded a two-day inspection of the 6.29km Yelachenahalli-Anjanapura line. The authorisation for running of services on the line is expected to be given shortly as the CMRS is prioritising it.

Speed trials of trains were carried out for nearly four hours on this Reach-4B elevated line during the two days and trains were run at a maximum speed of 90kmph.

Commissioner of Metro Rail Safety Abhay Kumar Rai told The New Indian Express that inspection of structures, civil works, singalling, safety installations, all the stations and all parameters were assessed. "A team from our side started from the Yelachenahalli end. Inspection was conducted along the entire route with trolley inspection of tracks. On Thursday, our inspection went on quite late. We began at 9.30am and it went on till 8.30pm," Rai said.

Konankunte Cross (earlier Anjanapura Cross Road), Doddakallasandra, Vajrahalli, Thalaghattapura and Anjanapura are the stations on this Line.

On the results, Rai said, "Our team has collected all the data and we are analysing it now. If we do not find any issues, we will be giving the authorisation letter to the Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited shortly. One thing I can say with certainty is that we are giving priority to this line." It is up to BMRCL to decide when to launch the commercial operations, he added.

BMRCL Managing Director Ajay Seth said, "The report from the CMRS is expected next week. Viaduct, beatings, track inspection, signalling inspection and speed trial tests were done."

A senior BMRCL official said they were aiming to open the line for commercial operations by the end of November.

EXPRESS READ

Stamp duty slashed on flats under Rs 35L

BENGALURU: The state government on Friday issued an ordinance with immediate effect, slashing stamp duty payable on two categories of flats. It will be applicable for the first sale. Under the Karnataka Stamp (Amendment) Ordinance, 2020, promulgated on Friday, duty is fixed at 2% of the flat's value, if the market value of the property is Rs 20 lakh and below. For flats with a market value of above Rs 20 lakh and up to Rs 35 lakh, stamp duty would be 3%. Revenue Minister R Ashoka told TNIE, "The move was introduced to help a large number of people buying affordable houses. and will boost housing demand."

OFFERING PRAYER

Women in JP Park in Mathikere seek the blessings of the Sun God Surya and his sister Shashti Devi, on the ocassion of Chhath, a festival celebrated primarily in Bihar, Jharkhand, UP and Nepal | VINOD KUMAR T

BMTC to launch online booking for airport buses

S LALITHA @Bengaluru

FOR the first time since its launch in May 2008, the Vayu Vajra buses of the Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation will be opened up for online reservation.

The move, to be launched next week, is expected to boost occupancy. Booking will be opened a month before the journey date and will close 30 minutes prior to departure.

A senior BMTC official told *TNIE*, "We will open bookings on the KSRTC Awatar platform. There is a high chance of a passenger hopping onto a bus if an advance ticket is purchased."

'People to plan air travel in next 3 mts'

Half of flyers who were surveyed by AirAsia in the past two years said they planned to travel by air in the next three months. "Another 36% indicated that they are considering travelling," the airline said. Holiday traffic is set to surge, it added.

This would do away with the anxiety people have over whether the airport bus would turn up or if they would get a seat, he added.

Airport buses grew extremely popular among flyers due to the cheaper cost compared to cabs that cost anywhere between Rs 800 and Rs 2,000. Bus fares range from Rs 100 (Hunsemaranahalli and KIA) to Rs 320 (Electronic City and KIA).

Services closed on March 23 and reopened on June 3 but patronage is low. Just 335 trips are run daily now, instead of the 768 before the lockdown. October saw 4,603 passengers per day compared to 15,200 passengers daily in January 2020.

"The huge dip in air passenger traffic and the fear of using public transport has pushed many people to use personal vehicles to go to the airport," he added.

Vayu Vajra routes from Whitefield TTMC, Banashankari and K R Puram to are not operating due to poor patronage, BMTC data shows.

The revenue of the Corporation too has shrunk to a third of its previous levels. In October 2020, it earned Rs 3.22 crore from ticket fares compared to Rs 9.48 crore in January.

"Air travel is gradually increasing. We are optimistic that our occupancy too will rise," another official said.

BBMP ELECTION

'Karnataka notorious for delaying polls'

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SENIOR advocate Prof Ravivarma Kumar argued before the Karnataka High Court that the State government's attitude is stubborn, and it has become notorious for not holding elections on time.

Making this submission before a division bench of Chief Justice Abhay Shreeniwas Oka and Justice S Vishwajith Shetty hearing a batch of public interest litigations, Prof Kumar, representing a petitioner, argued that the court should take note of the stubborn attitude of the state government.

He argued that the State Election Commission (SEC) had addressed nearly a dozen communications to the State government to perform the statutory duty of delimitation and reservation of wards from July 2018, but the State had not replied.

Therefore, the SEC had approached the high court, seeking directions to the state. Either the SEC or petitioners have to approach court each time to compel the state to cooperate in conducting elections, he argued, while quoting a delay in holding elections to the BBMP in 2015, and Grama Panchayats now.

Prof Kumar further argued that the BBMP term came to an end on September 10, 2020. In fact, there is no provision in law to appoint an administrator but this was done, and his term will come to end in January and cannot be extended, he added.

"The amendment to the KMC Act increases the number of wards to 243 from 198, and will have no application to the present facts and circumstances," he argued.

KN Phanindra, senior counsel representing SEC, argued that elections will be indefinite and at least one year is required to conduct elections to 243 wards, as contemplated by the State Government. Elections cannot be deferred. About Rs 3 crore has been spent for preparing the voter list, etc. Both time and public money will be waste if elections are deferred, he pleaded.

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

21st November: It's Saturday - and the end of the week! Saturday is sacred to the planet Saturn, which is said to bring difficulties and obstacles. Perhaps that's why the Jews picked it for the Sabbath - their day of rest and religious observance. After all, if doing things is a problem, best to do nothing!

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
A twelve-month cycle of celestial self-indulgence is coming to a critical point but, before it does so, your stars are having one last fling. Will you match their capacity for enjoyment by doing exactly what you want? And, more to the point, can you fulfil your responsibilities at the same time?

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
The pursuit of pleasure is quite compatible with the general tone of the times. Given that you're approaching a powerful planetary picture, this is no time for complacency. On the other hand, you can allow yourself a few treats today. You deserve it!

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
The pace of events at home is due to become much faster, largely as a result of a recent lunar alignment. One way or another, family members demand your full attention. Artistic types should put much more energy into accomplishing their personal goals.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
Mars is now rushing through your chart, stirring up all those deep, long-buried feelings. Please remember that quickness to anger also requires a readiness to forgive and that, having said your piece, you should allow the past to recede - and eventually fade away.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
It's a fine day for a spot of shopping. For those of you chasing property deals the auspices are favourable though, in general, today's stars talk about casual spending as a path to temporary happiness. But, as you know, long-term solutions require deeper answers.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
You specialise in sweeping things under the carpet. However, little events that happen today are a harbinger of what is to come - namely an increasing talent for exposing skeletons in cupboards! Tomorrow represents a symbolic fresh start - and so does the day after!

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
Although you have a reputation for generosity, the overwhelming trend of your chart is now towards putting yourself first. In many ways I feel that this is a necessary preparation for the next three-month cycle. First, you need to own up to a mistake, and work out how not to repeat it!

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
You may give even more attention to new associates and old friends. Your lunar pattern works a double game, probably bringing new people into your life, but urging you to get in touch with those ancient acquaintances who are a bit like part of the furniture!

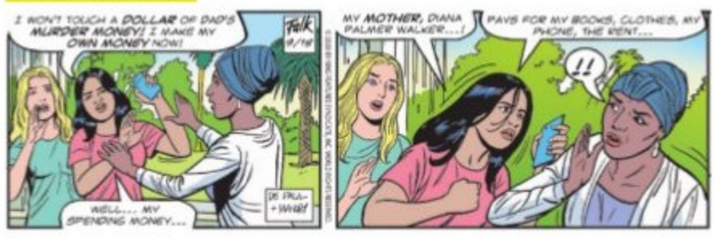
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
The astrological universe sets certain tests and tasks. Everything that is done is done for a purpose, and if you are challenged or criticised, you are being done a very good turn. If you must blame something, blame the stars! Mind you, that still won't let you off the hook.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
Perhaps an adventure you've been dreaming of for years is now on the cards. It might be that your fantasies are emotional as much as anything else. It could be a vision of the perfect home and family. Whatever it is, you can bring it a little closer today. Hopefully other people will play ball!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
You have waited too long for your just rewards to give up now. But, merely because one association is fading from the scene, that doesn't mean that you'll be left high and dry. What you're going to discover from now on is that you will attract the right people at the right time.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
If by any slim or remote chance you're forming new friendships today, congratulations for being so in tune with your stars. In fact, you may find you can put new partnerships on a more permanent foundation! It's all about maintaining a positive perspective.

THE PHANTOM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MY MOTHER, DIANA PALMER WALKER...!
PAYS FOR MY BOOKS, CLOTHES, MY PHONE, THE RENT...
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WELL... MY SPENDING MONEY...

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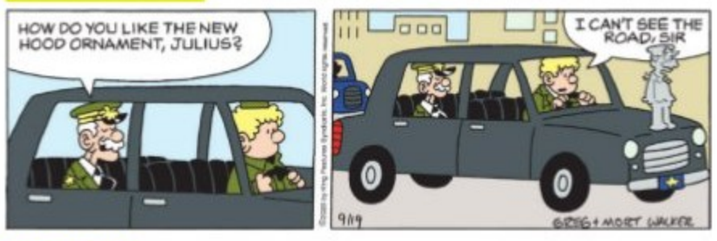

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MEDIUM

- Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.
- Each sudoku has a unique solution that can be reached logically without guessing.

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle

2	7	3	4	8	1	6	9	5
5	8	4	9	6	7	1	2	3
6	1	9	3	2	5	4	7	8
7	9	5	6	4	8	2	3	1
8	4	2	1	7	3	5	6	9
3	6	1	2	5	9	7	8	4
4	3	7	5	9	6	8	1	2
9	2	8	7	1	4	3	5	6
1	5	6	8	3	2	9	4	7

JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

ONZEO
KNASC
NAUTBE
UOESDX

You're nothing compared to me. You're just my opening act.
What's that make me?
You're always going to follow me.
THE FIRST POSITIVE NUMBER HAD A BIG EGO AND WAS PROUD TO BE ---

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: WEARY ANKLE FONDUE FRIGHT
Answer: People thought the twins were identical, but their mom — KNEW DIFFERENT

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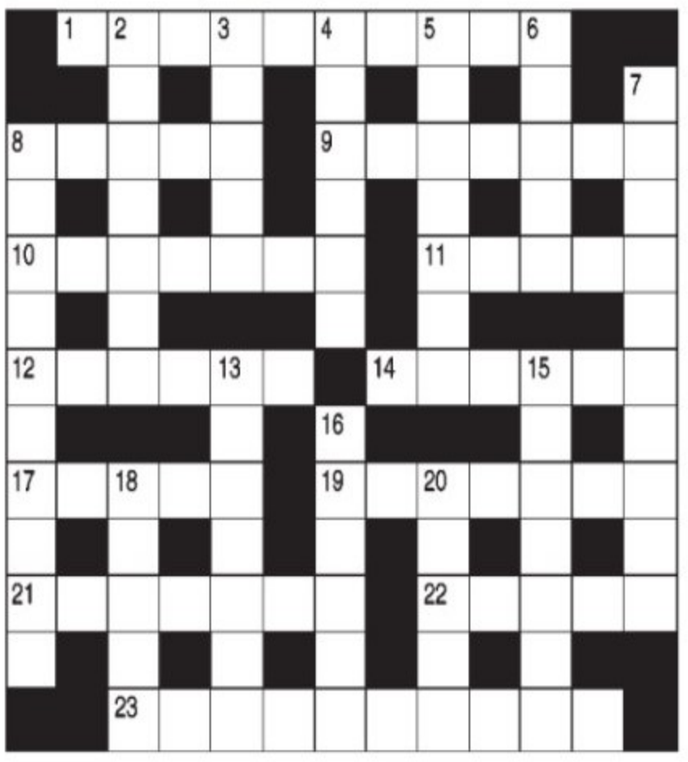
CROSS WORD



ACROSS

1 It could be the concern of several generations (6,4)
8 Sorely tried and weary (5)
9 Employment of paper folders (7)
10 Lavish praise (7)
11 Tina returns with a new name (5)
12 Work in a band to commit fraud (6)
14 He should honour his agreement to the letter (6)
17 Shipping trade (5)
19 A policeman not on duty perhaps is unusual (7)
21 Notice a wild flower (7)
22 Soldiers from Tunis (5)
23 Let one down lightly (5,1,4)

DOWN

2 Placed on guard when stranded (7)
3 The objective of a Forster's passage (5)
4 The old-fashioned sign for old-fashioned farmers (6)
5 Make no effort to be original (7)
6 Note I am in a resort in America (5)
7 They are made to meet their match (10)
8 The preserve of the motorist? (7,3)
13 Type of window in the French upper room (7)
15 Particular place is arranged (7)
16 Company gets some grain for money in Russia (6)
18 Mob breaks up after sailor produces weapon (1-4)
20 Blunder that will get you down (5)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Nearby, 4 Quaker, 9 Gondola, 10 Globe, 11 Eased, 12 Radiate, 13 Laundry bill, 18 Ferrous, 20 Upset, 22 Avast, 23 Embargo, 24 Desert, 25 Trowel.

Down: 1 Nagged, 2 Aunts, 3 Broaden, 5 Urged, 6 Know-all, 7 Reeled, 8 Hairdresser, 14 Airways, 15 Blubber, 16 Afraid, 17 Stroll, 19 Outer, 21 Straw.

A day after Animal Husbandry Minister Prabhu Chavan indicated that the government is unlikely to introduce a bill banning cow slaughter in Karnataka during the winter session of the state legislature, BJP National General Secretary C T Ravi on Friday said the ban will be a reality soon

'Many carriers of genetic disorders among Indians'

Study conducted on North Indian population, were screened for pathogenic variants

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A study using Next Generation Sequencing (NGS) to determine carrier frequency and to look out for any mutations in common genetic disorders in Indians, done by MedGenome Labs in Bengaluru, and Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, New Delhi, found that out of the 200 participants, 52 (26%) were found to be carriers of one or more rare genetic disorders, 12 individuals (6%) were identified to be carriers for congenital deafness, 9 individuals (4.5%) were carriers for cystic fibrosis and 2 individuals were detected to be carriers for the Pompe disease.

The study showed a higher carrier frequency for these disorders, which was contrary to the generally held view about their low prevalence in Asian Indians. "The disease causing variants observed for disorders such as deafness, cystic fibrosis, Pompe disease, Canavan disease, primary hyperoxaluria, junctional epidermolysis bullosa, galactosemia, medium chain acyl CoA deficiency etc. were different from what is seen in the Western population. Thus, this pilot study highlights the importance of having a Genetic Variant Database for the Indian population," a press release said.

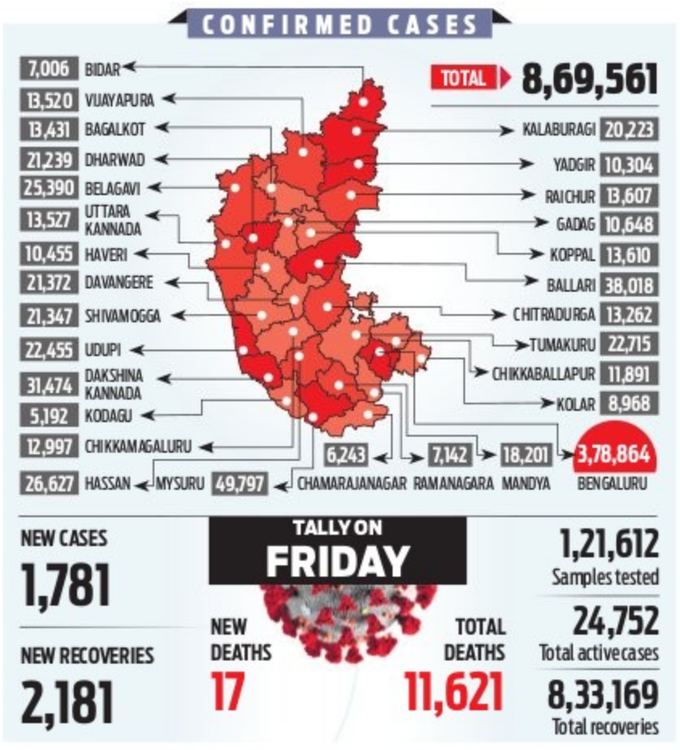
The 22-month study was done on a North Indian population, where 200 individuals were screened for pathogenic variants in shortlisted 88 genes, using NGS technology. These variants were classified as per the guidelines of American College of Medical Genetics. Dr Sunita Bijarnia-Mahay, author and senior consultant, Institute of Medical Genetics & Genomics, Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, said, "This study brought surprises by detecting those genetic disorders like cystic fibrosis which were not thought to be common. In future, such NGS-based screening tests will benefit not only young couples planning a baby, but also healthcare officials in charting out prevention strategies for the Indian population."

Currently, there is no carrier screening programme available in India, except for limited screening for Thalassemia and Down's Syndrome. Dr Sheetal Sharda, senior consultant, Clinical Genetics, said couples may not even be aware that they could be carrying a genetic variant. In most cases, carriers of a genetic disorder are asymptomatic and may have no family history, and unfortunately, their carrier status is often confirmed only after an affected baby is born.

Prof I C Verma, senior consultant and adviser, Institute of Medical Genetics & Genomics, Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, said those with IVF pregnancies, consanguineous couples (descendants with the same ancestor) and those with previous history of abnormal babies must get carrier testing done before their next pregnancy, to prevent the birth of babies with genetic disorders.

ALL IN A DAY'S WORK

Health workers at a Covid clinic sort through samples collected on Friday in Bengaluru | MEGHANA SASTRY



Emergency contraception shot up during pandemic, caused complications: Docs

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DOCTORS have observed an increase in the number of women reporting side-effects from using emergency contraception too often, instead of regular birth control.

Doctors at Fortis Hospital see about 10-15 patients every month with health issues caused by using emergency contraception pills (ECP) too often. "Emergency contraception pills have high dozes (of hormones) to prevent ovulation. We are observing an increase in the number of women reporting side-effects of these pills, such as nausea, vomiting, and irregular bleeding. The pills also cause hormonal imbalances, which could mean that periods don't occur on time," said Dr Parimala Devi, obstetrics and gynaecology consultant at Fortis Hospital.

Doctors said women tend to resort to emergency contraception often because couples are spending more time at home together due to the lockdown, and also a certain lack of recreation and entertainment.

Regular birth control includes the use of condoms, oral contraceptives (tablets taken for 21 or 28 days), and more permanent methods such as the use of intra-uterine devices such as Copper-T.

Around 20%-30% of women who used emergency pills too often had trouble conceiving even after they stopped using the pills, said Dr Devi.

Doctors at Aster CMI Hospital also observed a spike in the use of emergency contraceptive pills during the lockdown, but once restrictions were lifted, the numbers came down. "During the lockdown, we came across more than a dozen such cases where women who consumed these pills faced several complications. The most common side-effect of these pills is a disarray of the menstrual cycle, with irregular periods and heavy bleeding," said Dr Soumyalakshmi T V, obstetrics and gynaecology consultant at Aster CMI Hospital.

Dr Shakuntala N B, consultant gynaecologist at Vinayaka Hospital, saw a 10% rise in such cases, with women coming in with complaints of irregular spotting, bleeding and abdominal pain. However, she also saw women who had had incomplete abortions after taking over-the-counter contraception, causing irregular bleeding and lower abdominal cramps.

Regular oral contraceptives contain low doses of hormones and can be taken every day, as prescribed, for 21 days a month. But emergency pills have higher concentrations of hormones, which can cause disruptions in the menstrual cycle if used too often.

EXPRESS READ

3 more deaths in Mysuru

Mysuru: The district reported a total of 46 fresh Covid-19 cases on Friday. As many as three deaths were reported, of which two were from private hospitals and one from the designated Covid hospital. The active cases dropped further to 655 with 102 discharges in one day. Meanwhile, Mandya reported a total of 66 fresh cases along with 58 discharges. **ENS**

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Post-Covid Care Ayush Centre inaugurated

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THE much-anticipated Sharada Post-Covid Ayush Care Centre was inaugurated on the Sharada Ayurdhama Campus, Talapady. Many Covid-19 recovered patients have been found facing post-Covid complications like fatigue, body ache, breathlessness, headache, along with mental issues. Considering the need for post-Covid care services, Sharada Ayurveda, Naturopathy & Yoga Hospitals at Talapady has opened this integrated centre with cost effective treatments on IP/OP basis. One can contact the centre at 0824-2281231, 8971153232 for more details.

In his speech DC of Dakshina Kannada Rajendra K V said, "Immunity building is possible only through traditional medicines like Ayurveda, Naturopathy and Yoga practices. I have used these medicines and lifestyle practices to come out of Covid and will definitely continue using them."

Former health minister and MLA U T Khader said, "I appreciate Prof M B Puranik and his team of doctors, who are involved in this unique effort. It is everyone's responsibility to support and promote these kinds of healthcare facilities, so that more people get the benefit."

In his presidential address, Prof M B Puranik, president of Sharada Group of Institutions, said, "Being a Covid survivor, I have experienced the efficacy of Ayurveda, Naturopathy and Yoga in regaining my health. I urge people to make use of this Post-Covid Centre, which is opened on the occasion of National Ayurveda Day and National Naturopathy Day."."

Hold your horses until vaccine is out: Yathindra

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Mysuru

VARUNA MLA **Yathindra Siddaramaiah** has appealed to the people to hold their horses and not get carried away by the statements of pharmaceutical companies on Covid vaccine.

He charged that some firms have misled people that the vaccine will hit the market in a day or two which is far from the truth.

He said people should think of vaccine only after it is cleared by the World Health Organisation (WHO) and the Union Government.

The doctor-turned-politician felt it's a challenging task to come out with vaccine in a short period and there is should not be politics or propaganda in misleading the innocent population.

Asked about senior Congress leader Mallikarjuna Kharge expressing displeasure over the party's poor show in Bihar and other byelections, he said there are no differences in the Congress and it is not new to raise their voice whenever the party loses the election.

He said the partymen should know that they had won the elections under the same leadership.

Government of Karnataka
City Municipal Council
Gowribidanuru, Chikkaballapur

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TENDER NOTIFICATION

On Behalf of Governer of Karnataka, Municipal Commissioner, Gowribidanur, Chikkaballapura has invited Item Rate Tenders has been through e-procurement under Karnataka Transparency In Public Procurement standard bidding documents KW-1, KW-2 & KG-1&2 KW-1, KW-2 & KG-1&2. **(1).**Last date for submitting Tender through e-procurement portal: **02.12.2020 before 5.00 PM, Tender opening document date: 04.12.2020 at 11.00 AM (2).**For more details visit www.karnataka.gov.in or Contact Municipal Commissioner/ Technical Office.

Sd/- Municipal Commissioner, City Municipal Council — **Sd/-** President, City Municipal Council

DIPR/CHIKKABALLAPURA/SHIRDISAI/197/2020-21

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IFT No: 39/2020-21 **Date: 19-11-2020**

SHORT TERM INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT)

1) The Executive Engineer, No.1, Buildings Division, Bangalore invites tenders from eligible tenderers, for the construction of works detailed in the Table below. The tenderers have to submit the tender for the work given in the Table through e-Procurement portal of the Government of Karnataka (viz: **http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in). The Tenderers are advised to note the minimum qualification criteria specified in Clause 3 of the Instructions to Tenderers to qualify for award of the contract. (Standard Tender Document - KW1). 2)** Tender documents may be downloaded from the e-Procurement portal of the Government of Karnataka up to **26-11-2020. 3)** Tenders must be accompanied by earnest money deposit specified for the work in the Table below. Earnest money deposit will have to be in any one of the forms as specified in the Tender document and shall have to be valid for **45 days beyond** the validity of the tender. **4)** Tenders must be submitted online through e-Procurement portal **on or before 16.00 hours on 26-11-2020** and the opening of tenders will be as per the e-Procurement portal guidelines. **5)** Other details can be seen in the tender documents.

Name of work	Approximate Value of work (Rs.in Lakhs)	Earnest Money Deposit (in Rs.)
Providing Painting, Polishing, Water Proofing, Kitchen Slabs, Storage Unit, Vitrified Tiles, Storage Unit, Ceramic Tiles, Meta Sheet Roofing, external painting and other works to Kumara Krupa Annex Quarters No. 11 at Kumara Krupa Road, Bangalore. **KPWD/2020-21/BD/WORK_INDENT130191**	12.75	15,937.50

Cost of document (in Rs.): **As prescribed in e-Portal**
Period of completion: **1 Month** , Category: **SC**

Sd/- Executive Engineer
No.1, Buildings Division, Bangalore.

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Gadag Betegeri City Municipal Council Office
No: MC/NKUSIP Cell/GBCMC/IR/2020-21/ Date: 20-11-2020

SHORT TERM TENDER

Name of Work: CP: 03GDG01: Rectification (& Modification if required) of Horizontal Split Case Pump at IPS near Dambal Village.

Adverting to the above, New Water Supply Scheme has been completed and commissioned to Gadag-Betageri town under NKUSIP. The project included 03 Nos of HSC Pumps at IPS near Dambal Village (2 Nos working & 01 Nos standby). One HSC Pump at IPS has breakdown and stopped working. In this regard, the rectification of the HSC pump is required immediately. Hence, the following Short Term Tender is herewith invited.

Sl No	Item	Unit	Qty	Rate	Amount
1	Rectification of 600 HP Horizontal Split Case (High level pump repairing) Pump No 03 at IPS near Dambal.	Lot	1		

Note: 1) Details of specifications and other conditions can be obtained by contacting this office.2) The Quotations are to be submitted through M/s SPML Infra Ltd.,3) Quotations for the above work must be submitted in original Hardcopy and via E-Mail by **28.11.2020** Evening **04.00 PM** positively.

Sd/- Municipal Commissioner
CMC, Gadag Betegeri

DIPR/Gadag/319/MCA/20-21

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NOTICE TO REMOVE THE MOVABLES

Date:21.10.2020

To, **(1).Miss. Bhavyashree S,** No.22, 12th A Cross, Sir M V Layout, Thindlu, Bengaluru-560097, **(2).Mrs.Shanthamma S**, No.26, 12th A Cross, Sir M V Layout, Thindlu, Bengaluru-560097.

Dear Sir/Madam,

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the Residential Immovable Property bearing Middle portion of (site numbers 25, 26 and 27 admeasuring 4500 sq.ft.,) which is numbered as Site No.26, Situated at Thindlu Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, and now falling under the purview of Bhruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike- Vidyaranyapura Division, Ward No.9, (Sir MV Layout, Thindlu) being part of BBMP KHATHA No.737/40/14/26 Bengaluru including all Rights, privileges and appurtenance thereto, Constructed on the site measuring : East to West 30 Ft, North to South: 50 Ft, Total Area : 1500 Sq Ft, and bounded by: East By: SITE NO 27, West By : SITE NO 25, North By : ROAD, South By : SITE NO 24 & 28.

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At the time of taking possession the property there were some movable articles inside the said property. As there was no time to move them instantly as the article/movables were many in numbers and all such articles are left as it is. Later as per Letter/ Court Order we opened the premises lock and allowed you to take all the necessary articles.

You are requested to remove remaining articles from the property under prior written notice of at least one day to the undersigned, so that necessary arrangements can be made for you to remove the articles. Please ensure that the said articles are removed within 7 days from the receipt of this notice as otherwise bank would be compelled to cause sale of the same by public notice at your cost.

Hence we request you to please come and remove your movables. This is without prejudice to the other rights and interest of the Bank.

Sd/- Authorised Officer
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(R.K. Suthar)
General Manager (Purchase)

Raj. Samwad/C/6969/2020-21

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IFT No: 149/Pur/Tender File/2020-21/2273 Date: 20-11-2020

"SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION"

The Belagavi Milk Union Ltd., Invites tenders' from eligible tenderers for Providing Goods & Service in two cover system (Technical & Commercial) through E-Portal.

Sl.No:01:E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NO:KMF/2020-21/IND8629,ITEM DETAILS PRICES ARE INCLUSIVE OF GST (GST & others taxes shall be shown separately as mentioned in commercial Bid Document Tender Part-II Page No-3 as per e-portal):Supply of Electrical Gerber Centrifugal Machine-40 Nos.,Approx. Tender Value:1.25 Lakhs, E M D Amount in Rs.:5,000=00, Sl.No:02:E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NO: KMF/2020-21/IND8630,ITEM DETAILS PRICES ARE INCLUSIVE OF GST (GST & others taxes shall be shown separately as mentioned in commercial Bid Document Tender Part-II Page No-3 as per e-portal):Supply & Installation of 200 Kg Capacity Digital Weighing Scale to BEMUL -40 Nos.,Approx. Tender Value:9 Lakhs,EMD Amount in Rs.:25,000=00, Sl.No:03:E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NO: KMF/2020-21/IND8632,ITEM DETAILS PRICES ARE INCLUSIVE OF GST (GST & others taxes shall be shown separately as mentioned in commercial Bid Document Tender Part-II Page No-3 as per e-portal):Printing and Supply of 2021th -VIP Diaries-50 Nos.,Approx. Tender Value: 2 Lakhs, EMD Amount in Rs.: 10,000=00,ITEM DETAILS PRICES ARE INCLUSIVE OF GST (GST & others taxes shall be shown separately as mentioned in commercial Bid Document Tender Part-II Page No-3 as per e-portal): Printing and Supply of 2021th-Ordinary Diaries-1600 Nos. Sl.No:4:E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NO:KMF/2020-21/IND 8635,ITEM DETAILS PRICES ARE INCLUSIVE OF GST (GST & others taxes shall be shown separately as mentioned in commercial Bid Document Tender Part-II Page No-3 as per e-portal):Supply of Milk Adulteration Kit.-700 Nos.,Approx. Tender Value: 11.55 Lakhs, EMD Amount in Rs.: 40,000=00,LAST DATE: 05-12-2020
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Opposition leader Siddaramaiah on Friday slammed the ruling party, saying, "The BJP was targeting the Opposition with jibes like high-command culture, family politics, etc. The BJP is now doing the same thing ... and administration in Karnataka is suffering due to confusion within the BJP. Cabinet expansion or change of CM — it should be the party's internal affairs," the former CM said.

Nilekani seeks French co-op for fintech

Infosys Chairperson says French expertise can help set up Aadhaar-like system to make data accessible to all

BISMAH MALIK @Bengaluru

INFOSYS Chairperson and India's Aadhaar architect Nandan Nilekani on Friday said that countries like France and India have the potential to work together on Aadhaar-like account-aggregator infrastructure that leverages data for accessibility to financial services. "We built our Aadhaar system on biometric de-duplication and France is a leader in such services. The Aadhaar project enabled 400 million people get their bank accounts and also made it easier for the current government to transfer billions of dollars of cash directly to the accounts of poor people during the Covid pandemic," Nilekani said, addressing a panel discussion themed 'Why the future of fintech is French'.

He said that efforts are now afoot to leverage and democratise data and make it accessible to underserved populations who don't have access to conventional banking facilities. "This account-aggregator programme will be rolled out under RBI's watch and will be beneficial to those who don't have credit-risk guarantees, but can avail loans based on their transaction history or salary slips," Nilekani informed the panel.

Efforts are afoot to leverage and democratise data and make it accessible to underserved populations who don't have access to conventional banking facilities

Nandan Nilekani, Infosys Chairperson

He said that France is no alien to the evolving fintech ecosystem and had access to technology like midtel before internet came into being. "In Europe, and France in particular, the same thing is happening and therefore I see a great scope for cooperation between the two countries," he added.

Emmanuel Lenain, Ambassador of France to India, said that France is a hub of 1,000 startups and other young emerging companies, and hoped that both countries can work on technology solutions to drive growth as well as find solutions to leverage digital and AI technologies.

During the session, Souad Tenfiche-Ancelle, CEO, NUMA Bengaluru, announced the launch of Indo-French cross-border incubator dedicated to the startup ecosystem in both countries. The panelists said there is a potential for India and France to work in sectors like Big Data, infotech, payment system, AI and sustainable finance.

"Paris will mobilise the financial sector, including large companies to develop digital innovation. Emerging companies and unicorns in this sector have grown 3x in the last three years. Twenty-five new French unicorns may come up in the next five years. We seek to accelerate business opportunities in India, especially in cities like Bengaluru and Mumbai, as well as welcome fintech startups to France," Lionel Baraben, CEO, Famaco, a French tech company said.

Deputy CM Ashwath Narayan at the Tech Summit, on Friday | ASHISHKRISHNA HP

MoUs with 7 regions; focus on tech support

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

THE Karnataka government on Friday signed Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) with seven regions — one each with Finland, the United Kingdom, Sweden, United States of America, Indiana and Virginia, and two with the Netherlands.

The MoU with Finland aims to promote awareness on development in the field of AI for sustainable growth. Business Finland, which manages a 100-million EUR funded AI programme, will collaborate with the Centre of Excellence for Data Science & AI and NASSCOM.

Swedish Incubators and Science Parks will collaborate with the Centre of Excellence for Internet of Things.

The Karnataka-USA MoU is meant to develop strong infrastructural support, incubate early-stage startups and provide exposure to international companies such as Applied Materials. It also aims to accelerate the existing fabless SMEs to the next level to encourage domestic innovation and generate more employment in the ESDM sector.

The MoU between Indiana Economic Development and Karnataka Innovation Technology Society, department of Electronics, IT, BT & ST, and department of Commerce and Industries, GoK, also entails sharing best practices to train workforce to take on high wage jobs.

The Karnataka and Fairfax County Economic Development Authority, Virginia MoU aims to skill students.

MoU PARTNERS

Business Finland: AI for agriculture, transport, health, safety, governance, service delivery etc

SWEDEN — Innovative applications and domain capability across sectors, including Smart City, Smart Health, Smart Manufacturing, Smart Agriculture

UNITED KINGDOM — Creation of citizen-centric AI solutions by startups to pave way for green and sustainable future

USA — Semi-Conductor Fabless Accelerator Lab and Applied Materials

INDIANA — Creation of Medical Devices Park with world-class infrastructure

VIRGINIA — Application of drone technology for agriculture, surveillance of military and medical assistance

THE HAGUE — Address cyber security challenges to support 'remote working model'

THE HAGUE — Assist at least 10 K'taka startups to enter international markets

BRIDGING GAPS

No conflict of interest between India, Sweden

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"THERE are definite factors that will decide if startups from India will take the plunge and use Swedish facilities. One of the incentives would be Sweden opening restrictions, such as accessing data, which the Indian space agency lacks. Another aspect would be the cost, which ought to be low enough to cover transportation of equipment across borders. And the third aspect that would dictate the decision to launch in Sweden is the customers' choice of launch site. Launch is a service, and we are only providers. So, only if the customer wants our vehicle shipped to Sweden, we will have to move there," said Subash P Kuppisamy, founder, Brahmastra Aerospace Systems, a Chennai-based startup.

With the Indian space sector opening up to foreign players to build satellites, Fuglesang is confident that companies will find opportunities to build satellites in India if there is a win-win situation.

He said there is no conflict of interest between India and Sweden in developing their space prowess at the same time. Launches and satellite development are two separate domains of expertise, and collaborations can be planned on the comparative advantage of who does what best, he pointed out.

TECH TALK

Target 2025: $50bn bio-economy

Bengaluru: Karnataka sets itself a list of targets as it aims to become a $50-billion bio-economy by 2025, from its present estimated $22.6 billion, a report said. The first Karnataka Bio-Economy Report 2020 was launched at Bengaluru Tech Summit 2020, at an event presided over by DyCM C N Ashwath Narayan and chairperson of Vision Group on Biotechnology and Biocon Limited chief Kiran Mazumdar Shaw. Karnataka is the first state to measure the impact of the biotech industry on its economy. The recommendations of the report include: Supporting application of agri-biotechnological tools and molecular breeding, thereby enabling agri-tech eco system; making medical devices by setting up a bio-medical cluster, using available biomass through bio-refineries clusters, and establishing value-added agriculture systems in Hassan, Dharwad and Belagavi. ENS

Exciting time for India, Australia ties: Expert

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"WHEN security gets compromised, there is a whole array of threats. One begins to get bandwidth interruption, unwanted data transfers to malicious third parties; even reliability of satellites can be disrupted," Tobias Feakin said.

Lloyd Damp, Chief Executive at Southern Launch, who sees a silver lining for the space sector in the midst of the pandemic, believes it is an exciting time for both India and Australia to work towards some big challenges of cyber security, telecommunication, and look at how quantum computing can be applied in these areas. Australia can play a unique part in realising a lot of these futuristic goals, he said.

Damp attributed Australia's ability to track space debris, manage space traffic activities, have a world-leading Earth observation service, and efficient rocket technology, besides remote asset management, to the country's geographical position, wide open spaces and relatively low light pollution, as well as to Australia's expertise in satellite data applications.

Speaking about the recent announcements on opening up the space sector to private players, Michael Costa, Deputy Consul General for South India at the Australian Consulate General, Chennai, said he was looking forward to further opportunities for collaborations on end-to-end space missions.

"Australia and India have been collaborating since 1987 to support data calibration and laser ranging for Indian satellites, launching Australian satellites, and conducting joint research. While Australia signed an MoU with India in 2012 to expand cooperation in space sciences, technology and education, there was potential to do more together," he added.

Corporations abound, but many are headless, lack infra

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

THE Karnataka government is setting up new boards and corporations to woo people from certain castes and communities, but has not considered the logistics of the exercise.

At least 15 caste-based boards and corporations announced earlier do not have chairmen, and the department of social welfare is struggling to find space for these corporations.

Last week, CM B S Yediyurappa ordered the constitution of the Maratha Development Board and the Veerashaiva-Lingayat Corporation, following which many communities are also demanding similar bodies.

At present, there are 20 corporations, based on caste and community, in Karnataka. Of these, only five corporations have chairpersons — Brahmin, Arya Vaishya, Maharshi Valmiki SC and ST Corporation, Ambiga Chowdaiah and Thaanda Development Corporation.

The remaining 15 corporations, including Bhovi Development Corporation, Madiwala Maachideva Development Corporation, Vishwakarma Development Corporation, Uppara Development Corporation, Savitha Samaja and many others are headless.

The Savitha Samaja Development Corporation, announced when HD Kumaraswamy was CM, does not even have an office. Kumaraswamy, in his budget, had allocated Rs 25 crore for the Savitha Samaja.

A senior official from the social welfare department said some corporations do not even have funds to pay salary to their staff. "Irrespective of party, CMs announce boards and corporations, and most of these come under the social welfare department. There was a proposal to shift all corporations to Devaraja Urs Bhavan, but where is the space? All this is unnecessary expenditure," the official said, on condition of anonymity.

Members of the Christian community hold up printouts of the letter scrapping the Christian Development Corporation, in Udupi | EXPRESS

Forums slam govt move to do away with Christian Development Corpn

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Udupi

SEVERAL pro-Christian organisations in Udupi have criticised the State Government for going back on its earlier plan of setting up a Christian Development Corporation.

Prashanth Jatthana, secretary, Christian Forum for Human Rights, Udupi, said that the erstwhile Christian Development Committee should have been turned into a development corporation, but the government scrapped the proposal without giving any reason.

The committee came into existence in 2012 when B S Yediyurappa was the chief minister and it was allocated Rs 50 crore. When Siddaramaiah became the CM, he earmarked Rs 150 crore to the committee. The fund was used to renovate and repair old churches, build compound walls for graveyards and other projects, he said. Several economically weaker students were given overseas scholarships through a scheme initiated by the committee, he said.

There was a proposal to turn the committee into a corporation, but the government decided not to pursue it during the pre-budget meeting without citing any reasons, he added. He questioned the rationale behind the decision when the government is ready to form corporations for even smaller communities. "Christians have contributed immensely in the education and health sectors. This community too has poor people. The corporation is needed," he said, adding that a delegation will meet the chief minister soon.

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Cow slaughter ban will be a reality soon, says Ravi

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

A DAY after Animal Husbandry Minister Prabhu Chavan indicated that the government is unlikely to introduce a bill banning cow slaughter in Karnataka during the winter session of the state legislature starting from December 7, BJP National General Secretary C T Ravi on Friday said the ban will be a reality soon.

Ravi, in-charge of poll-bound states of Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra, said that he had spoken to Prabhu Chavan to get the Karnataka Prevention of Slaughter and Preservation of Cattle Bill passed in the cabinet and present it during the upcoming Assembly Session.

He said the party took a decision on cow slaughter ban and a law against "Love jihad" during the state executive committee meeting in Mangaluru and he is confident that the two pieces of legislation will be introduced in the winter session, which will be held in Bengaluru from December 7 to 15.

The cow slaughter bill was introduced by the BJP government nearly a decade ago, but had failed to get President's nod, Ravi said, and added that they will look into the bill that was introduced earlier and also study similar bills in other states before introducing similar legislation in the state. "Now, we need to bring an act with tough measures to prevent cow slaughter. Just imposing a fine of Rs 50 or Rs 100 is not enough. There is no point in having an act that will not help stop cow slaughter," he said.

Chavan had stated that they will introduce the bill after studying similar bills in other states and that may take some time.

On Union Home Minister Amit Shah's visit to Tamil Nadu on Saturday, Ravi said they will discuss the party's strategy for 2021 elections. Shah will be interacting with party workers and leaders in Chennai.

EXPRESS READ

BJP to finalise Belagavi candidate at December 5 meet

Belagavi: Amid the ongoing exercise by the BJP to finalise its consensus candidate for the upcoming Belagavi Lok Sabha bypoll, the party has decided to hold its state executive in Belagavi on December 5. It remains to be seen whether the executive will be postponed in view of the Karnataka Bandh. Several top leaders will be taking part in the executive, which is expected to give a definite shape to the party's attempts to select its candidate. The executive is likely to discuss ticket aspirants like former MP Ramesh Katti, former RS member Prabhakar Kore, Shankargouda Patil, MB Zirli and Veeresh Kivudasannavar. A section of the party leadership wants a family member of former MP Suresh Angadi to be fielded. ENS

Moily on AICC panel on national security

Bengaluru: Former CM M Veerappa Moily welcomed the AICC decision to constitute three committees to discuss issues and policies on economic affairs, foreign affairs and national security. Moily is a member of the committee on national security, headed by former PM Manmohan Singh. Senior leader Ghulam Nabi Azad, Vincent H Pala (convener) and V Vaithilingam are the other committee members. The committee on economic affairs comprises Manmohan Singh, P Chidambaram, Mallikarjun Kharge, Digvijaya Singh and Jairam Ramesh (convener), the Foreign Affairs Committee comprises Manmohan Singh, Anand Sharma, Shashi Tharoor, Salman Khurshid and Saptagiri Ulaka. ENS

Visted Delhi for irrigation projects, clarifies Ramesh

Belagavi: While several ministerial aspirants are involved in lobbying for berths with the help of Water Resources Minister Ramesh Jarkiholi, the latter, who is in New Delhi, said on Friday that he did not visit the capital to lobby for anybody. The minister said he is in New Delhi to implement projects. Jarkiholi said he met Union Jala Shakti Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat in an attempt to get the irrigation projects in Karnataka expedited. While stating that he could not meet CM B S Yediyurappa in Delhi, Jarkiholi said he was not even aware of the CM's visit to Delhi. His abrupt visit ahead of cabinet expansion is said to have brought relief to some MLAs of his group who are hoping for cabinet berths. ENS

CM on 3-day visit to Mysuru and Chamarajanagar

Bengaluru: Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa will be on a three-day visit to Mysuru and Chamarajanagar districts from Tuesday. According to the Chief Minister's Office, the CM will attend the inauguration programme of the construction of Mysuru City Police Commissioner's new office building and police quarters on Tuesday evening. On Wednesday, the CM will visit Suttur Mutt in Nanjangud taluk and Male Mahadeshwara temple in MM Hills in Chamarajanagar district. The CM will return to Bengaluru on Thursday afternoon after inaugurating development projects and visiting Suttur Mutt branch at MM Hills. ENS

Kannada groups call for bandh

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RAISING the heat, pro-Kannada organisations have called for a 'Karnataka bandh' on December 5 to protest against the State Government's decision to constitute a Maratha Development Board. The organisations have demanded that, except for essentials, all other businesses remain shut from 6 am to 6 pm.

Members of organisations said protests will also be held at inter-state borders in the state. The CM had stated that the bandh won't be allowed.

Speaking to reporters on Friday, Kannada activist Vatal Nagaraj said they will go ahead with the bandh. "Let them put us in jail, we don't care. What was the need for a Marata board in Karnataka?" he insisted. Hoteliers, taxi unions and pro-Kannada groups are supporting the bandh. They will also take out a rally in Bengaluru.

He also appealed to farmers' groups to join in. Activists plan to close borders at Ballari (Nov 23), Koppal (Nov 24), Hubballi-Dharwad (Nov 25), Attibele in Bengaluru (Nov 26), K R Puram in Bengaluru (Nov 28), Mysuru Bank Circle (Nov 30), Belagavi Suvarna Vidhana Soudha (Dec 1), Davanagere-Chitradurga (Dec 2), Mysuru-Mandya (Dec 3) and Chamarajanagar (Dec 4).

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ONLINE GAMBLING BAN ON THE CARDS, SAYS BOMMAI

CM B S Yediyurappa hands over Chief Minister's Medals to 243 police personnel, tells cops to be people-friendly

Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa poses with police personnel who bagged medals, in front of Vidhana Soudha on Friday. Home Minister Basavaraj Bommai is also seen.

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@ Bengaluru

HOME Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Friday said that the government is working on introducing new laws to put an end to online gambling in the state. Talking to the media after an event to distribute Chief Minister's Medals to police personnel at Vidhana Soudha, he said that several states have already introduced laws to put an end to the menace. "Many are addicted to online gambling and are losing their hard-earned money. The government has taken the issue seriously and is working on introducing new laws to curb it. Soon, a decision will be announced," Bommai said.

"Some states have already prohibited online gambling. Our officers are studying the laws in those states. After a proper study, we will introduce stringent laws banning online gambling," he added.

Distributing medals to 243 police personnel, Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa said that the police should become more people-friendly.

"At the event, Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa. The government is responding to all the demands of police personnel, while the police too have done an exceptional job in tackling terrorism, Naxalism and crime," he added.

Bommai also said that the government is planning reforms in the police department. "A task force under the guidance of DG&IGP will be set up. The reforms will focus on effective crime control and better maintenance of law and order. It also includes measures to improve the conditions of police personnel," he added.

Further, there is a need to re-organise Bengaluru city police commissionerate, and a team of senior police officers is working on it. "We will also establish a Prison Reforms Board to improve our jails and its systems."

DG&IGP Praveen Sood and other senior police officials were also present on the occasion.

BTC's online betting app ready

Bangalore Turf Club Limited announced the introduction of an online betting app, which will be used from the fourth race day of the winter season, starting Saturday. The registration process started on Friday. In July, the State government had approved online betting at BTC.

5 held for kidnapping newborn from Vani Vilas Hospital

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

VV Puram police on Thursday nabbed a gang for allegedly kidnapping a newborn baby girl and selling her to a couple for Rs 80,000.

According to police, the woman posed as a relative of the baby and managed to take her away from Vani Vilas Hospital on November 11. Based on CCTV footage, the accused could be identified, while the couple who had paid money were also arrested.

The accused have been identified as Ayesha (23), a resident of Yelachenahalli, her accomplices Manjunath (32) and Vaseem, (30), from Kanakanagar, and the couple Abdul Rehaman (32) and Sania (28), from Kumarswamy Layout.

A police officer said the baby, which was born on November 9, had developed health issues. Hence, she was kept in the ICU for treatment. Ayesha, who was at the hospital visiting her sister who had also delivered a baby, plotted to kidnap a child and sell it. She entered the ICU posing as a relative and asked for the baby to be discharge. The staff believed her and handed over the baby. A few hours later the parents, Abdul Rashid and Arshiya, realised that their daughter had already been discharged. Shocked, they approached VV Puram police, who filed a case of kidnapping against the woman whom they spotted in CCTV footage.

A special team traced her identity and she was nabbed at home. She had sold the baby to the couple in Kumaraswamy Layout. Subsequently, they zeroed in on the other suspects and arrested them.

Rehaman, is a mechanic by profession and had no kids since six years ago. They wanted to adopt the child and discussed it with Vaseem, who is also a mechanic.

Ayesha claimed she committed the crime owing to financial issues she suffered amid the Covid-induced lockdown.

CRICKET ON AN OPEN PITCH

Children play on the newly-constructed section of the Bengaluru-Mysuru Highway, on Friday | ASHISHKRISHNA HP

Raj sent to jail, NIA to quiz him

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FORMER Bengaluru Mayor Sampath Raj, who was arrested in connection with the DJ Halli riots, has been remanded in judicial custody by a city court. Meanwhile, the court has permitted the National Investigation Agency (NIA) to also question Raj in connection with the case.

As the police custody of the former mayor ended on Friday, the Central Crime Branch (CCB) police produced him before the court.

As no request was made for further extension of the custody, the court remanded the accused in judicial custody. Raj was arrested on Monday night by the police.

Meanwhile, the NIA had moved an application before the court seeking permission to question Raj in the case. Considering the application, the court granted the central agency permission to question the accused at Bengaluru Central Prison, where Raj will be lodged during his judicial custody.

The NIA had earlier questioned MLAs Zameer Ahmed Khan and Rizwan Arshad in connection with the case. The NIA is carrying out investigations with regard to the two FIRs among over 50 registered for the riots.

DOC IN A SOUP

A LOST CHIP, AND A HEAVY PRICE TO PAY

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

LITTLE did this doctor expect that a lost SD card of his mobile phone would make him the target of extortionists.

Dr Prakash Baburao, a resident of Dattagalli in Mysuru and practising in Periyapatna, had lost the chip which contained some objectionable videos. Unfortunately for him, the SD card landed in the hands of Naveen, a resident of Periyapatna, who approached the doctor in January and demanded money. Naveen and his accomplices even threatened to upload the videos on social media.

The doctor gave in and paid up Rs 30 lakh at different intervals. A few months later, Naveen and his aides Harish, Shivaraj, Vijay and Anitha from Periyapatna and Hunsur again approached him and demanded Rs 70 lakh more and threatened to release the videos.

> This is not a case of honeytrep, but of blackmail. We are also investigating other cases involving the accused and the video footage found on the SD card
>
> Prakash Gowda, Deputy Commissioner of Police

Unable to meet their demands, Baburao, who is also the president of the BJP Periyapatna taluk unit, complained to the Mysuru police on November 11.

The Kuvempu Nagar police picked up all the accused on November 15.

The police said the gang used women for extortion and targeted doctors, government officers and business people. Incidentally, Naveen is an expelled member of the BJP Yuva Morcha.

Kannada TV channel head gets anticipatory bail

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

THE Karnataka High Court granted anticipatory bail to Managing Director of Power TV Rakesh Shetty, while imposing certain conditions in relation to a complaint filed by Chandrakanth Ramalingam, Director of Ramalingam Constructions Company Private Limited, for allegedly demanding a cut for getting release of amount from the BDA.

The complaint came after the news channel aired a programme against the family members of Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa.

Allowing the petition filed by Shetty, Justice BA Patil ordered him to execute a personal bond of Rs 2 lakh with two sureties-like sums. The judge ordered him to surrender before the investigation officer within 20 days, cooperate with the probe, and not leave the jurisdiction of the trial court without prior permission.

If the accused violates any one of the conditions, the bail is liable to be cancelled, the judge said in the order, while underlining the importance of protecting the personal liberty of a citizen, while quoting the recent Supreme Court judgment in TV journalist Arnab Goswami's case.

Observing that it is a well settled proposition of law that the court cannot hold a mini trial while considering the bail application, the judge said it is true that background and antecedents of the accused must be known while considering the bail application. At the same time, the background and antecedents of the complainant must also be seen, he said.

The judge added that the complainant has also not come with clean hands and it appears that all is not well. "In view of this, I am of the considered opinion that in order to ascertain the truth, a fair and unbiased investigation is necessary," he said while granting anticipatory bail to the accused.

EXPRESS READ

Policeman helps drug case accused, held

Bengaluru: A policeman was arrested by the Central Crime Branch (CCB) on charges of helping eight drugs case accused. Police said eight men were arrested in connection with an NDPS case registered in Kempegowda Nagar police station recently. Investigation revealed that Prabhakar, a head constable at Sadashivanagar police station, had encouraged the accused in the drug deal. Besides, it was found that he had helped them to evade arrest by giving away the location of police staffers who were involved in the investigation. Based on these grounds, he was suspended. The team investigating the case arrested Prabhakar on Friday and are interrogating him about his involvement with the accused. ENS

Woman gets parcel with husband's 'truth'

Bengaluru: A 32-year-old woman received a courier from an anonymous source which included pictures of her husband of seven years, showing that he was still married to his first wife. Kavitha (name changed) was widowed with two kids after the death of her first husband. She later married Satheesh (name changed) in 2013. Earlier this month, Kavitha received the parcel which consisted of pictures of her husband's previous wedding, family background and that he is HIV positive. She had then approached the Bengaluru City Police's women's helpline-Vanitha Sahayavani seeking assistance. ENS

BBMP official visits lakes, waste units

Bengaluru: The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) administrator Gaurav Gupta on Friday inspected Kaikondanahalli and Iblur Lakes and the waste management plant in Mangamanapalya ward. After inspecting the lakes, Gupta instructed the engineers to ensure that no waste enters into the water bodies, failing which the officials will be dealt with sternly, he warned. The BBMP administrator also noted that some people were dumping debris into the lakes and surrounding areas. Gupta also directed the officials to take action against erring people. ENS

HC comes to rescue of law student, tells NLSIU to award project marks

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@ Bengaluru

THE Karnataka High Court has come to the rescue of a student by directing the National Law School of India University (NLSIU) to assess his project work and award marks. It also said the student should be continued to keep the term by way of carry forward, disregarding the attendance shortage.

Justice Dixit Krishna Shripad passed the order on a petition filed by P B Hruday, the NLSIU student. He questioned the denial of admission to the 4th year BA LLB (Hons) on charges of alleged plagiarism of a project work.

He was also not allowed to take a Special Repeat Examination of third trimester in the third year. The judge said that what intrigues the court is the enormity of unfair treatment meted out by the University to the student. "It is anguishing that the university did not afford an opportunity of personal hearing, despite the student making a written request through mail on March 2, 2020.

It is high time that this university of national repute be reminded that it is dealing with our children and not others' chattel," the judge observed.

The university counsel contended that it has shown leniency in not taking astringent action for plagiarism and its action in not awarding any mark to the project work cannot be faltered with.

The judge said it is difficult to agree with the university's argument as the punitive action of not awarding any mark to the project work itself is founded on the wrongly assumed admission of guilt.

"There is absolutely no material to show that the subject teacher having found the evidence of plagiarism had referred the matter to the UGC Chairman in writing and had sent a written intimation to the student who came to know of the alleged plagiarism only after enquiry with the Registrar of the university when his exam result was not announced. The act of the university constitutes a grave error apparent on the face of the record," the judge noted.

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> Justice Dixit Krishna Shripad, Karnataka High Court

KEA rolls out admission dates

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THE Karnataka Examination Authority (KEA) on Friday announced the schedule for the first round of seat allotments for admission to engineering, architecture, agriculture, veterinary and other courses for students who wrote the CET 2020.

THE SCHEDULE

- Seat matrix and fee structure for all disciplines is already out on **Nov 19**
- The option entry will be made available from **November 22** (2pm) to **Nov 25** (11am)
- Results of mock allotment will be out on **Nov 26** after 2pm
- Candidates will be allowed to change their option entry from **Nov 26** (4 pm) to **Nov 28** (11 am).
- Results of the first round of allotment will be out on **November 29** after 4 pm
- Payment of fees is scheduled for **November 30** to **December 2**.
- Last date for reporting to college is **December 2**.
- Details of the seat matrix are on the website.

Cloth merchant abuses bar staff, thrashed by mob

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

A GROUP of people thrashed a 38-year-old cloth merchant for allegedly abusing the staff of a bar. The incident took place near Tribhuvan theatre in Gandhinagar on November 16 and the video of the incident went viral on Friday. A senior police officer said the incident when Mahendra N, who hails from a neighbouring state, had come to a bar and ordered beer. When the waiter took long to serve the order, Mahendra got angry and started abusing him. In a fit of rage, he used derogatory words against the staff and then they pushed him out and thrashed him. Onlookers, who recorded the incident, called Upparpet police and he was taken into custody. The police filed a petty case against Mahendra for creating ruckus in public and also warned the bar staff not to assault any customers.

It was alleged that Mahendra used derogatory terms for Kannada language but police ruled out this allegation and told that it is a clear case of trivial issue inside the bar. Mahendra, however, refused to file a case against the bar staff.

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, the undersigned Counsel for petitioners filed case on behalf of the petitioners Padmanabhan .P.C & others -V/s- Registrar of Births & Deaths, Bengaluru in C. MISC. No. 8306/2020, before the 20th A.C.M.M, Bengaluru regarding the death of petitioner brother named as **SRI P.C. VINOD,** S/o Late M. Bhaskaran Nair, as he died on 26.07.2008 at No. 889, 1st Floor, 3rd Cross, 2nd D Block, Rajajinagar, Bengaluru 560 016. Any person interested to file their objection in this matter, please file before the court as above on or before **21.11.2020**

SUMATHI .C.M, ADVOCATE

IN THE COURT OF THE CIVIL JUDGE AND J.M.F.C. AT NELAMANGALA

C.Mis. NO. 236/2020, C.Mis No. 237/2020

PETITIONER : Sri. Mohammad Sadiq S/o Late Basha sab, aged About 48 Years, Residing At : Islampura village, Kasaba Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bangalore Rural District.

-V/s- **RESPONDENT : THE THAHASILDAR,** Registrar of Birth & Death, Nelamangala Taluk, Nelamangala.

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

Whereas the petitioner above named has presented petition to this Hon'ble court under section 13(3) of registration of birth and deaths Act 1969 for order direct the respondent authority to get enter the data of death of petitioner's Father by name **Basha Sab S/o Late Abdul Kareem was died on 5/03/2012** and petitioner's mother by name **Mymuna W/o Basha Sab was died on 09/06/1996** at Islampura Village, Kasaba hobli, Nelamangala Taluk and prays to issue death certificate of petitioner's father and Mother. The Hon'ble court has fixed **on 23/11/2020** for hearing of the petition and that if any person/s desire to oppose the said petition or claim or interest shall appear before the Hon'ble court in person or by pleader duly instructed at 11.00 A.M. failing which the said application will heard and determined as exparte.

Given under my hand and the seal of the court on 23-11-2020.

By order of the court, Chief Ministerial officer, Court of the Civil Judge and JMFC at Nelamangala.

Advocate for Petitioner **:K.N. SURESH,** B.H. Road, Nelamangala

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that the PROPOSED EXPANSION FOR ADDITION OF INTERMEDIATE AND ACTIVE PHARMACEUTICAL INGREDIENTS (API) of M/s. HIKAL LIMITED-unit II at No: 28, KIADB, Industrial Area, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore - 560105, has been accorded Environmental Clearance from the State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority, Karnataka (Constituted by Ministry of Environment & Forest, Government of India) vide their Order No. SEIAA 47 IND 2020 Dated 03.09.2020. Copies of the certificate are available with the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board and also can be seen on the website http://seiaa.kar.nic.in or seiaa.karnataka.gov.in

M/s. HIKAL LIMITED-UNIT II
No: 28, KIADB, Industrial Area, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore - 105

SWARNABHARATHI SAHAKARA BANK NIYAMITHA

No. 2229, 23rd Cross, BSK 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560 070. Ph: 26762629 / 26762630

SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY THROUGH AUCTION / SALE NOTICE

Notice is hereby given for conducting Auction Sale of the Immovable Properties mortgaged to Swarnabharathi Bank Niyamitha, Banashankari 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560 070, by Central Government amendment approved under SAROFA Act 2002 in **"as is where is"** and **"as is what is"** condition.

Sl. No.	Borrower Name and Address	Property Details	Boundaries	Loan Amount due	Reserve Price	Date of Auction
1	Sri G. Girish Smt. S. Saraswathi	All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No. 150 in Sy. No. 39, 40/1A1 and 41, Pegasus Baniyan Breeze Layout, Chunchanakuppe Village, Tavarekere Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk.	East to West: 30 feet North to South : 40 feet, Totally 1200 sqft and bounded on East by: Property No. 151 West by: Property No. 149 North by: 142 and 143 No. Property, South by: Road.	Rs. 17,97,000/- and interest and other charges applicable from 19-11-2020 till realization	Rs. 18,00,000/-	29-12-2020 Tuesday 11.00am

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF AUCTION

1. Auction will be conducted at Bank premises.
2. Interested parties must deposit 10% of the Reserve Price to the Authorised Officer before the proceeding of Auction. Bidders with high quote violating Terms and Conditions of Sale, then deposit made by the bidder shall be forfeited by the Authorised Officer.
3. The successful bidder has to pay 25% of the bid amount on the same day through Cash/DD and remaining amount has to be paid within 15 days.
4. The successful bidder would bear the charges/fee payable for conveyance such as Stamp duty Registration fees. etc., as applicable as per law.
5. The authorised Officer has the absolute right to accept/reject the tender or adjourn/postpone the sale without assigning any reason therefore.
6. For inspection of property, the intending bidder may contact Swarnabharathi Sahakara Bank Niyamitha or Contact on 080-26762629.

Sd/- (V. Krishnamurthy)
Authorised Officer and Chief Executive Officer
Swarnabharathi Sahakara Bank Niyamitha, Bangalore-560070.

Place: Bangalore
Date: 19/11/2020

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Repco Home Finance

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DEMAND NOTICE

Notice u/s. 13(2) of The Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002

The following Borrower availed the below mentioned loans from **Repco Home Finance Ltd. Bengaluru Branch.** The loans of below mentioned borrower (Column No.3) have been secured by the mortgage of properties mentioned in (Column No.5). As they have failed to adhere to the terms & conditions of the loan agreement and as the loan become irregular, the loans were classified as NPA as per the RBI guidelines. Amounts due by them to Repco Home Finance Ltd - Bengaluru Branch are mentioned in (Column No.4). This amount with further interest & costs on the said amount shall also be payable as applicable and the same will be charged with effect from their respective dates.

1 No.	2 Branch	3 Borrowers & Guarantors	4 Outstanding as per 13(2) Notice sent	5 Details of secured Assets
	Bengaluru Branch, A/C No. 2581860000093 (Old A/C No. 112186000842) dated 22-08-2009 for ₹ 34,00,000/-	**Mr. V.H. Anjanamurthy - Borrower** S/o, Hanumanthaiah, No. 347, Vajarahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bangalore - 562 123 **Mrs. Yashodhamma - Co-Borrower -I** W/o, V.H. Anjanamurthy, No. 347, Vajarahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bangalore - 562 123 **Mr. Hanumanthaiah - Co-Borrower -II** S/o, Late Siddatha, No. 347, Vajarahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bangalore - 562 123 **Mr. V. Ranganath – Guarantor -I** S/o, Venkatachalaiah, Pavithra Provision Store, Vajarahalli, Nelamangala Main Road, Bangalore – 562 123 **Mrs. T.S. Sudha – Guarantor -II** W/o, Ramegowda, No. 54, Muiniswamappa Layout, Chikkabanavara, Hesarghatta Main Road Bangalore – 560 090	₹ 24,97,965/- as on 10-07-2020 + Interest & Cost	All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Khatha No. 180/1, formed in converted Sy.No. 105, situated at Vajarahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District, converted as per order No. B.DIS.ALN.SR (A) 729/2008-09 dated 10-01-08 passed by Deputy Commissioner, Bengaluru District in all measuring 80 X 70 feet total 5600 Sq.ft., of land together with building consisting of Ground plus Two Floors and bounded as follows:- **East by:** Road **West by:** Land of Seenappa **North by:** Land of Kempe Gowda **South by:** Land of Chikka Venkatappa

1 No.	2 Branch	3 Borrowers & Guarantors	4 Outstanding as per 13(2) Notice sent	5 Details of secured Assets
	Bengaluru Branch, A/C No. 2581870000026 (Old A/c No. 185187000498) dated 28-12-2015 for ₹ 49,00,000/-	**Mrs. H. Hemalatha - Borrower** W/o, K. Arulanandam, No. 33, 1st Cross, Pragathinagar, Near Pragathi Convent School, Hosa Road, Chikkathogur, Electronic City, Bangalore - 560 100 **Also at,** Hewlett Packed Enterprises 3rd Floor, Kalyani Platina, Kundanahalli, K R Puram Hobli, Bangalore- 560066 **Mr. K. Arulanandam - Co-Borrower** S/o, P. Kalyanasundaram, No. 33, 1st Cross, Pragathinagar, Near Pragathi Convent School, Hosa Road, Chikkathogur, Electronic City, Bangalore - 560 100 **Also at,** S S Industries No. 7A, Veerasandra Industrial Area, Electronic City Post, Bangalore - 560 100 **Mr. H. Anil Kumar - Guarantor** S/o, N. Hari, No. 119, 3rd Cross, 1st Main, Nrupatunga Nagar, Kothur Dinna Main Road, J P Nagar, 7th Phase, Bangalore - 560 078 **Also at,** Technical Support Executive, Gym Pac, No. 664, 2nd Floor, 1st Stage, Indranagar 100 ft Road, Bangalore - 560 038	₹ 48,00,311/- as on 20-08-2020 + Interest & Cost	All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing Site No. 44, V P Khatha No. 204/44, Assessment No. 175, Nirman Layout, situated at Koppa Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekel Taluk, Bangalore District, measuring East to West 40 ft, North to South 30 ft and totally measuring 1200 Sq.ft., with building constructed thereon and boundaries as follows: **East by:** 25 ft Road **West by:** Site No. 49 **North by:** Site No. 45 **South by:** Open Land

1 No.	2 Branch	3 Borrowers & Guarantors	4 Outstanding as per 13(2) Notice sent	5 Details of secured Assets
	Bengaluru Branch, A/C No. 2581860000009 (Old A/C No. 185186000129) dated 27-06-2013 for ₹ 26,00,000/-	**Mr. G. Lakshmanan - Borrower** S/o, Govindaswamy, No. 102, Chikka Begur Gate, Garebhavipalya Post, Bengaluru - 560 068 **Also at,** Hi-Temp Alloys No. 175, Rushyashrunga Road, Konankunte, Bangalore - 560 062 **Also at,** Site No. 183/5, Begur Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, - 560 068 **Mrs. K. Vimala - Co-Borrower** W/o, G. Lakshmanan, No. 102, Chikka Begur Gate, Garebhavipalya Post, Bengaluru - 560 068 **Also at,** V.P. Solutions No. 88/1, 1st Floor, Gurappa Building, Chikkabegur Gate, Hosur Road, Bangalore - 560 068 **Also at,** Site No. 183/5, Begur Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, - 560 068 **Mr. Srinivasan - Guarantor** S/o, Chaudappa, No. 172, 3rd Main Road, Friends Layout, Kothanuru, Bangalore - 560078 **Also at,** Hi-Temp Alloys No. 175, Rushyashrunga Road, Konankunte, Bangalore - 560 062	₹ 26,62,980/- as on 07-07-2020 + Interest & Cost	All that piece and parcel of land and building situated at Site No. 183/5, Khatha No. 200, situated at Begur Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Presently comes under the limits of BBMP, Bangalore. **Measuring:** **East to West:** 25 ft **North to South:** 60 ft Totally measuring 1500 Sq.ft., and bounded on: **East by:** Property belongs to Krishna Reddy **West by:** Property belongs to Muninaga Reddy **North by:** 30 feet Road **South by:** Property belongs to Gunda Reddy

1 No.	2 Branch	3 Borrowers & Guarantors	4 Outstanding as per 13(2) Notice sent	5 Details of secured Assets
	Bengaluru Branch, A/C No. 2581860000257 (Old A/c No. 112186000278?) dated 27-01-2016 for ₹ 35,00,000/-	**Mr. Pranesh Nandakar - Borrower** S/o, M. Mahadeva Rao, No. 28(75), 1st Main Road, 3rd Cross, Chamarajpet, Albert Victor Road, Bengaluru - 560 018 **Also at,** Sri Mahadeshwar Enterprises, No. 28, 1st Main Road, Chamarajpet, Bengaluru - 560 018 **Mrs. Roopa - Co-Borrower** W/o, Pranesh Nandakar, No. 28(75), 1st Main Road, 3rd Cross, Chamarajpet, Albert Victor Road Bengaluru - 560 018 **Mr. K. Sanjay - Guarantor** S/o, N. Krishna Rao, No. 22/10, M.G.K. Murthy Layout, 6th Main Road, Appu Rao Road, Chamarajpet, Bengaluru - 560 018 **Also at,** No. 29, 3rd Main Road, 3rd Cross, Chamarajpet, Bengaluru - 560 018	₹ 31,92,563/- as on 06-08-2020 + Interest & Cost	All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Southern Portion of House Municipal No. 75, New No. 75/1, Old No. 28, PID No. 46-3-75/1, situated at Albert Victor Road, Chamarajpet, Bangalore, Measuring East to West 12 ft, North to South 54 ft, all together land measure 648 Sq.ft., along with the building constructed thereon and boundaries as follows: **East by:** 3 ft passage and there after others Property **West by:** Others Property **North by:** Portion of the same Property belonging to Smt. Jaishree **South by:** Conservancy

For the reasons stated above, we hereby call upon you to discharge in full your liabilities to us within a period of 60 days from the date of publishing of this notice failing which we will be exercising the powers under Section 13 of the **Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002** against the secured assets mentioned above. The powers available to us under Section 13 of the Act inter-alia includes (i) Power to take possession of the secured assets of the borrower including the rights to transfer by way of lease, assignment of sale for realising secured asset, (ii) Take over the management of the secured asset including the rights to transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale and realise the secured asset, and any transfer of secured asset by us shall vest in the transferee all rights, or in relation to the secured asset transferred as if the transfer had been made by you. We draw your attentions to Sec 13 (8) of the Securitisation Act as per which, no further steps shall be taken for transfer or sale of the secured asset, if the dues of the secured creditor together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by secured creditor are tendered by you at any time before the date fixed for sale or transfer of the secured asset.

(Sd/-)
Authorised Officer
(SARFAESI ACT 2002), REPCO HOME FINANCE Ltd.,

Place : **Bengaluru**
Date : **20-08-2020**

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DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL -I, BENGALURU
NO.4, SECOND FLOOR, LIC JEEVAN MANGAL BUILDING, RESIDENCY ROAD, BENGALURU, KARNATAKA-560025

DRC NO: 14678 FORM NO.14 (See Regulation 33(2))

Axis Bank Limited Indiranagar Branch, No.276, 100 Feet Road, HAL 2nd Stage, Indiranagar, Bengaluru — 560 038.
...Certificate Holder

Versus

Shri. R.Nagaprakash & Another
...Certificate Debtor(s)

DEMAND NOTICE

To,

1 Shri.R.Nagaprakash S/o. Sri. B.T.Ramaiah, **Residing at:** Kugur Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk — 562 125, Bengaluru Rural District.

2. Shri. H.M. Ramachandra Reddy S/o. Sri. Muninanja Reddy, **Residing at:** Andenahalli Village, Anekal Taluk — 562 125, Bengaluru Rural District.

In view of the Recovery Certificate issued in **OA No.705/2013** passed by the Hon'ble Presiding Officer, DRT, Bengaluru on **24/01/2019** an amount of **Rs.10,71,2621/- (Rupees Ten Lakh Seventy One Thousand Two Hundred and Sixty Two Only)** is due against you along with interest and costs from date of filing of O.A.s till realization.

You are hereby called upon to deposit the above sum within 15 days of the receipt of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made as per rules.

In additions to the sum aforesaid you will be liable to pay:

a) Such interest as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the execution proceedings. b) All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and other process that may be taken for recovering the amount due.

Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on this **07th day of February 2019.**

(DEEPAINDUVANI.S)
RECOVERY OFFICER-II
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL - I, BENGALURU

Note: Attention is invited to Rule 16 of the Second Schedule of the Income Tax Act 1961 read with Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act 1993 which is reproduced below:

"Rule 16(1) where a notice has been served on a defaulter under Rule 2, the defaulter or his representative or his representative in interest shall not be competent to mortgage, charge, lease or otherwise deal with any property belonging to him except with the permission of the Debts Recovery Officer, nor shall any civil court issue any process against such property in execution of a decree for the payment of money.

(2) Where an attachment has been made under this schedule any private transfer or delivery of the property attached or of any Interest therein and any payment to the defaulter of any debt, dividend or other monies contrary to such attachment, shall be void, as against all claims enforceable under the attachment.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL -I, BENGALURU
NO.4, SECOND FLOOR, LIC JEEVAN MANGAL BUILDING, RESIDENCY ROAD, BENGALURU, KARNATAKA-560025

DRC NO: 13474 FORM NO.14 (See Regulation 33(2))

Axis Bank Ltd. Indiranagar Branch, No.276, 100 feet Road, HAL 2nd Stage, Indiranagar, Bengaluru - 560 038. **Rep by its Officer Sri. Divakara N.R.**
...Certificate Holder

Versus

Sri. Hanumantharayappa & Others
...Certificate Debtor(s)

DEMAND NOTICE

To,

1) Sri. Hanumantharayappa S/o. Sri. Munishamappa, **Res of:** Handrahalli Village, Devanahalli Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District S.O. PIN : 561 203. **2) Sri. Keshav Gowda** S/o. Sri. Hanumantharayappa, **Res of:** Handrahalli Village, Devanahalli Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District S.O. PIN : 561 203.**3) Sri. Rajanna** S/o. Sri. Nanjappa, Avathi Village, Devanahalli Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District, Pin 562 110.

In view of the Recovery Certificate issued in **OA No. 117/2014** passed by the Hon'ble Presiding Officer, DRT, Bengaluru on an amount of **Rs.13,48,197/- (Rupees Thirteen Lakh(s) Forty Eight Thousand One Hundred Ninety Seven Only)** is due against you along with interest and costs from date of filing of O.A.s till realization.

You are hereby called upon to deposit the above sum within 15 days of the receipt of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made as per rules.

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In additions to the sum aforesaid you will be liable to pay:

a) Such interest as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the execution proceedings. b) All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and other process that may be taken for recovering the amount due.

Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on this **30th day of July, 2018.**

(RAJASEKHARAN.R)
RECOVERY OFFICER-I
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL - I, BENGALURU

Note: Attention is invited to Rule 16 of the Second Schedule of the Income Tax Act 1961 read with Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act 1993 which is reproduced below:

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(CONSTRUCTION ORGANISATION)

E-TENDER NOTICE No. SG-CNMTP-2020-4-SA-MGSJ Dated: 18.11.2020

Provision of Electronic Interlocking Signalling arrangements (Both Indoor & Outdoor) at Salem Magnesite Junction on Salem Division in connection with Salem - Omalur Doubling; Approximate Cash value: ₹ **1060.73 lakhs**; EMD: ₹ **6,80,400/-**; Period of Completion: **Nine months**; Date and time of Tender Closing: **10.12.2020 at 14.00 hrs.**; For further details refer Website address: **www.ireps.gov.in**

Deputy Chief Signal and Telecom Engineer, Construction and Metropolitan Transport Project, Chennai - 600 031.

For and on behalf of the President of India

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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to notify to the General public, that my client Sri. Yoganjaneya Reddy, Director of **M/s Apotex Research Private Limited** having office at, Plot. No.1.A, Sy. No. 347/1, 347/2 and 348/P, 4th Phase, Bommasandra Industrial Area, Yarandahalli Village Panchayath Limits, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District has lost Original Lease cum Sale Agreement of Sale dated 17/09/2012 document No. ANK-1-5613/2012-13. In respect of property bearing Sy. No. 347/1, 347/2 and 348/P, totally measuring 10 acres 10 Guntas, Situated at, Hulimangala Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District, In this regard a Complaint also been lodged in the Jurisdictional Police on 14/11/2020.

The finder of the above said document may return the same to the undersigned. The above said person asserts that the said property is free from all kind of encumbrances, therefore the same may be hand over to the undersigned immediately. If anybody claims any charge over the property shall place their claim within 10 days from publication of this Notice. Failing which my client will proceed with to deal the property including creation of charge, over the same presuming that there are no subsisting claims whatsoever nature from any person/s

Sd/- B. Lokesh, Advocate & Consultant
No. 5, STB Complex, Near Anekal Civil Court, Aneaki Town, Bangalore-562 106. Ph: 9844085777

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client **Sri. N.K. Prakash Kumar**, S/o Late N.V. Krishna Murthy, residing at No. 3995, 18th Cross, Banashankari II Stage, Bengaluru-560070, informs the general public that he has lost the original document of **Registered Will** executed by **Sri. N.V. Krishna Murthy,** bearing Registration No.SHV-3-00004/2013-14, stored in CD No. SHVD163, dated 16.5.2013, duly registered before Sub-Registrar, Shivajinagar, on 17.5.2013 at Bengaluru.

In this regard a Lost Article Report is also filed before the Crime Branch, Bengaluru City Police, bearing Lost Report No.142607/2020 dated 07.11.2020.

Any person who can trace the same may handover it to the aforesaid person and/or the undersigned.

Sd/-

V. Dayananda Rao, *Advocate,*
"Lakshmi Nivas", No. 129, 5th Cross, Kalasipalya New Extension, (Near J.C. Road), Bengaluru-560 002. Mob: 9845972472

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SALE NOTICE

Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Federal Bank Ltd (Secured Creditor), the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of The Federal Bank Ltd (Secured Creditor),will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on **14/12/2020** for recovery of **₹.2,64,43,308.00** (Rupees Two Crore Sixty Four Lakh Forty Three Thousand Three Hundred Eight Only) as on 14/12/2020 due under Loan A/c.No.11895600003750 and **₹.1,08,23,864** (Rupees One Crore Eight Lakh Twenty Three Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty Four Only) as on 14/12/2020 due under A/c 11895500002373 to The Federal Bank Ltd (Secured Creditor) as on the aforesaid date of sale from **1).Mr.E.Madhusudan Rao,** S/o.Mr.Venkatappa Setty, Proprietor of M/s. Madhu Book House **2).Mrs.Varalakshmi Madhu,** W/o.Mr .E Madhusudan Rao,

The reserve price will be **Rs.1,27,17,000/-** and the earnest money deposit will be **Rs.12,71,700/-.**

Description of the immovable property with known encumbrances: All the piece and parcel of the residential property bearing No.10, (PID No.54-316-10) having extent of 1350 sqft along with Two storied RCC Roof Slab residential building having plinth area of approximately 2112 sq.ft situated at Door No. 334, old No. 35/10, 2nd A Main Road, Srinivasa Nagar, Bengaluru, bounded on the : East by : Road West by : Property No. 39 New No. 330 North by : Property No. 34 New No. 335 South by : Property No. 36 New No. 333

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in the website of The Federal Bank Ltd i.e. **https://www.federalbank.co.in/web/guest/tender-notices**

Date : 20.11.2020
Place : Bangalore

Sd/- (Authorised officer under SARFAESI Act)
For the Federal Bank Ltd,

HDFC

HOUSING DEVELOPMENT FINANCE CORPORATION LIMITED.

HOUSING DEVELOPMENT FINANCE CORPORATION LTD.
Regd. Office: Ramon House, H T Parekh Marg, 169, Backbay Reclamation, Churchgate, Mumbai-400020 Corporate Identity No. L70100MH1977PLC019916 Branch Address : HDFC House, #51, Kasturba Road, Bangalore-560001. Ph: 41183000/232, Fax: 080-22275754, e-mail: info.bangalore@hdfc.com

DEMAND NOTICE

Under Section 13 (2) of the Securitisation And Reconstruction Of Financial Assets And Enforcement Of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Whereas the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of **Housing Development Finance Corporation Ltd. (HDFC Limited)** under Securitisation And Reconstruction Of Financial Assets And Enforcement Of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued Demand Notices under Section 13 (2) of the said Act, calling upon the Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) listed hereunder, to pay the amounts mentioned in the respective Demand Notice/s, within **60 days** from the date of the respective Notice/s, as per details given below. The undersigned have, caused these Notices to be pasted on the premises of the last known respective addresses of the said Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s). Copies of the said Notices are available with the undersigned, and the said Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) , may, if they so desire, collect the respective copy from the undersigned on any working day during normal office hours.

In connection with the above, Notice is hereby given, once again, to the said Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) to pay to **HDFC Limited,** within **60 days** from the date of publication of this Notice, the amounts indicated hereinbelow in their respective names, together with further interest @ 18% p.a. as detailed in the said Demand Notices from the respective dates mentioned below in column (c) till the date of payment and / or realisation, read with the loan agreement and other documents/writings, if any, executed by the said Borrower(s). As security for due repayment of the loan, the following Secured Asset(s) have been mortgaged to **HDFC Limited** by the said Borrower (s) respectively.

Sl. No.	Name of Borrower(s) /Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s)	Loan A/c No. And Total Outstanding Dues	Description of Immovable property / Secured Asset
(a)	(b)	(C)	(F)
1.	**Mr.Ravikumar Uma Shankar** No.15, NarayanaKunj, Basavanagudi, Opp Rama Mandir Road, Bengaluru-560004. **Also at:** High City Infrastructures **Designation:** Propriteor No.25, Wing B, Puttanna Road, Basavanagudi, Bengluru-560004. **Also at:** Flat-003, Ground Floor, Esjay Classic Apartment, Khata No.21, PID No.38-1-21, 1st Main Road, Garden Villas, Nagarabhavi, Bengaluru-560072.	**Loan A/c No 621054096 Rs.54,11,893/- Due as on 31.10.2020** **Date of Demand Notice** **(d)** **04.11.2020** **Date of NPA** **(e)** **31.01.2020**	**Schedule-A:** All that piece and parcel of property item Nos 1, 2 and 3 above bearing clubbed single Municipal Katha No.21 situated at 1st Main Road, Garden Villas BMP Ward No.38, PID No.38-01-21, situated at Nagarabhavi Village, Now 1st Main Road, Garden Villas, Nagarabhavi, Bangalore, Measuring East to West on the northern side 60 ft, Southern side 80 Feet and North to South 120 Ft in total measuring 8200 Sq.Ft **bounded on the: East by:** 30 ft Road, **West by:** Private Property, **North by:** 1st Main Road, Garden Villas, **South by:** Private Property. **Schedule-B:** Apartment bearing **Flat No.003,** having a super built area of **1100 Sq. Ft** on Property No.21, Ground Floor, Vitrified flooring, measuring in all 1100 Square Feet built in the project building **'ESJAY CLASSIC'** along **with 472 Square feet** of undivided share of land in the Composite property mentioned as Schedule A, along with **one covered car parking** at the basement provided in the said project building.

*with further interest @ 18% p.a. as applicable, incidental expenses, costs, charges etc incurred till the date of payment and / or realization.

If the said Borrowers shall fail to make payment to **HDFC Limited** as aforesaid, then **HDFC Limited** shall proceed against the above Secured Asset(s) / Immovable Property (ies) under Section 13 (4) of the said Act and the applicable Rules entirely at the risk of the said Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) as to the costs and consequences.

The said Borrower (s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) are prohibited under the said Act to transfer the aforesaid Secured Asset (s) / Immovable Property (ies), whether by way of sale, lease or otherwise without the prior written consent of **HDFC Limited.** Any person who contravenes or abets contravention of the provisions of the Act or Rules made thereunder shall be liable for imprisonment and/or penalty as provided under the Act.

Place: Bangalore
Date: 21.11.2020

Sd/- Authorized Officer HDFC LIMITED
Under the SARFAESI ACT, 2002

STATE BANK OF INDIA

Retail Assets Central Processing Centre (RACPC) – I, Basavangudi
No. 13/1, Kanaka's Pride, Bull Temple Road, Opp. Sri Rama Krishna Math, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru -560 004, Tel: 080 -25943338, 25943339
Fax: 080 - 25943367, Email: mgrracpc.zoban@sbi.co.in

POSSESSION NOTICE

Under Rule 8(1) (For Immovable Properties)

WHEREAS, the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the State Bank of India under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notices calling upon the following borrowers/mortgagors to repay their loan amount mentioned in their respective demand notices with further interest +incidental expenses within 60 days from the date of the said notices. The details of demand notices such as name and address of the borrowers/mortgagors, date of issue, loan outstanding amount, description of secured assets including present loan outstanding etc., are furnished hereunder:

1. **Name & Address of the Borrowers/Mortgagor: Sri. M. Venkatesh,** S/o. Late Muniyappa, No.45, Rangamma Bldg. Near Ganapathi Temple, Doddakalasandra, Kanakapura Road, Bengaluru – 560062.
Also at: No.26/1, Doddakalasandra, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru – 560062.
Guarantor, Sri. T. Narashimhamurthy, S/o. Sri. Tulurappa, 28/1, 9th Main, 9th Cross, Shivanagar, Rajajinagar, Bengaluru – 560010
No. GWR/40653/HL/1 **A/c. No.HTL 54005957441**
Demand Notice Date:13.02.2020
Loan Outstanding amount as per Demand Notice: Rs.3,45,707/- (Rupees Three Lakh Forty Five Thousand Seven Hundred Seven Only) as on **10.02.2020** + interest from **11.02.2020** + incidental expenses
Present Loan Outstanding: Rs.3,26,000/- (Rupees Three Lakh Twenty Six Thousand Only) as on **18.11.2020** and interest from **19.11.2020** + expenses thereon.
Possession Taken date : 20.11.2020
Description of the Immovable Property: All that piece and parcel of Southern Portion of Property No.26/1, Katha No.26, Doddakalasandra, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, measuring East to West 47 feet and North to South 33 feet with building thereon, standing in the name of Sri. Venkatesh M., S/o. Late Muniyappa vide Partition Deed dated 01.10.2003 and Registered as Document No.BNG(U)/ KNGR/1683/2003-04 dated 01.10.2003 at SRO, Kengeri, Bengaluru and bounded on: East by : Property of Sri. D. K. Thimmaiah, West by: Road, North by: B Schedule Property, South by : Road.

2. **Name and Address of the Borrower/Mortgagor: Sri. Dinesh Kumar M.,** S/o. Sri. Mallesaiah S., No.594, 1st Main Road, Nrupthunga Nagar (NGEF Layout), Nagarabhavi, Bengaluru-560072. **Office Address: Sri. Dinesh Kumar M.,** Fortune Infotech Ltd., Survey No.46(P), 47 (P), Electronic City Phase -II, Bengaluru – 560110.
No. GWR/9050/HL/19&604 **A/c. No. HTL 30130398871&36207411546**
Demand Notice Date: 04.03.2020
Loan Outstanding amount as per Demand Notice :Rs.7,06,849/- (Rupees Seven Lakh Six Thousand Eight Hundred Forty Nine Only) as on 03.03.2020 + interest from **04.03.2020+** incidental expenses
Present Loan Outstanding: Rs.7,17,620/- (Rupees Seven Lakh Seventeen Thousand Six Hundred TwentyOnly) as on **16.11.2020** and interest from **17.11.2020** + expenses thereon.
Possession Taken date : 20.11.2020
Description of the Immovable Property: All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing Site No.594, in the Layout Plan sanctioned by the Bangalore Development Authority vide Resolution No.BDA 470(A), dated: 20-12-1982 situated in Survey No.24 of NAGARABHAVI Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk. Layout formed by NGEF Employees House Building Co-Operative Society Limited. Presently comes under Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Ward No.39, 1st Main Road, Nrupathunga Road, Nagarabhavi, Bangalore, measuring East to West: 30-0 (Thirty) feet North to South: 45-0 (Forty Five) feet in all measuring 1350 Square Feet along with 5 Square R.C.C. Roofing house with Red oxide flooring, bricks wall with cement mortar, jungle wood preparation for doors and windows, with all civic amenities together underneath or with all rights, appurtenances, whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface standing in the name of Sri. M. Dinesh Kumar, S/o. Sri. S. Malleshaiah, vide Gift Deed dated 09.06.2004 and Registered as Document No.BLN-1-1-10149/2004-05 and CD No.BLND10 dated 09.06.2004 at the Office of the Sub Registrar, Benglauru North Taluk and bounded on: East by:Site No.593, West by:Site No.595, North by: Site No.601, South by: 50-0 Feet Road.

The above named borrowers/mortgagors having failed to repay the entire loan amount as mentioned in their respective demand notices, notice is hereby given to the borrowers/mortgagors and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the properties described herein above in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on **above mentioned dates**

The borrowers/mortgagors in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the aforesaid properties and any dealings with any of the said properties will be subject to the charge of the State Bank of India for the related present loan outstanding amount as mentioned against the respective borrowers/mortgagors' with further interest accrued together with incidental expenses thereon

The borrowers/mortgagors' attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.

Place: Bengaluru,
Date : 20.11.2020

Sd/-
Authorised Officer

Ahead of Union Minister Amit Shah's visit to Chennai on Sunday, the city police have beefed up the security. Over 3,000 police personnel and special teams of central security agencies, including the CRPF, Special Task Force, and commandos have landed in the city on Saturday

AMMA goes soft on actor Bineesh

Forum decides not to oust Kodiyeri, but seek explanation from him over drugs case

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Kochi

THE executive committee of the Association of Malayalam Movie Artists (AMMA), which met here under its president Mohanlal on Friday, decided against suspending **Bineesh Kodiyeri**, one of the accused in the drug case busted by the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) in Bengaluru. Instead, Bineesh will be asked to explain. However, AMMA chose to accept the resignation submitted by actor Parvathy Thiruvoth. She had declared her intention to leave the association last month in protest against some remarks made by actor and AMMA secretary Edavaela Babu against the survivor in the actor abduction case.

Bineesh Kodiyeri, son of CPM leader Kodiyeri Balakrishnan, was made an AMMA member in 2009. He is at present a life member. At Friday's meeting, the majority of members, including actors Siddique, Rachana Narayankutty and Honey Rose, were vocal in demanding the ouster of Bineesh. However, Left MLAs and actors - KB Ganeshkumar and Mukesh - countered this, saying the Clause in the Bylaw of AMMA should be followed in the case. They also referred to the criticism faced by the association for suspending Dileep at the time of actor abduction case, without seeking his explanation.

"As per the AMMA bylaw, a member should be allowed to clarify his stance before action is taken against him. A show-cause notice will be first served on the member and if he fails to respond, another one asking him to appear before a disciplinary committee formed by AMMA will be served. A final decision will be taken based on the recommendations of the committee. In the case of 'ouster' of a member, the General Council will have to approve it," said AMMA secretary Edavela Babu.

Bineesh, who made his acting debut through 'Five Fingers' (2005)has featured in more than 20 Malayalam films so far.

Regarding actor Parvathy's resignation, Babu said the Executive committee has decided to accept it. "The Committee observed that it is up to the individual to decide on whether to continue with an organisation or not," he said.

The Executive Committee also decided to come up with a movie next year to raise funds for AMMA. Though they have not disclosed the details, the movie will be similar to Twenty-20 (2008) which was produced by actor Dileep as a fundraiser for the organisation. the speciality fo the movie was that almost all the actors of Mollywood were present in the movie. The new movie will also be a multi-starrrer and the office bearers of AMMA is yet to take a final decision on the crew, it is learnt.

Elephant expert Ajay Desai passes away at 63

BOSKY KHANNA @ Bengaluru

WHO would you rush to for opinion and understanding on elephant behaviour? The answer most conservationists, wildlife experts, forest officials and even legal experts said was Ajay Desai.

But that won't be the case any more. Desai left for his heavenly abode in Belagavi on Friday morning after suffering a cardiac arrest in his sleep. He was laid to rest in his home town later in the evening. He was 63.

A noted elephant expert world wide, he was currently part of a Supreme Court-constituted committee to study and prepare a report on Sigur elephant corridor. He along with Praveen Bhargav, Trustee, Wildlife First, and Justice K Venkataraman, former judge, Madras High Court, had inspected the corridor from November 7 to 9, 2020 in Tamil Nadu.

"I was with him a few days ago and we spoke just three days back. The first time I worked with him was when we were part of the Srisailam Tiger Reserve Committee in 2009, after which a report was submitted to then Union minister Jairam Ramesh. Again in the relocation programme in Nagarhole and Mudumalai for the National Tiger Conservation Authority and now as part of a Supreme Court committee. He was interested in elephant behaviour and had extensive knowledge on conflicts," said Praveen Bhargav.

Noted expert K M Chinnappa said that it was impossible to find such a humble man with so much knowledge. "In one of my interactions, I asked him some elephants raid seasonally, while some often. But there is this one which strikes when no one knows. Why is that? Desai laughed and replied, 'I am radio collaring him and will tell you'. Within a week, he came back and explained that the elephant had diverted its path," he recollected.

Desai was a member of the Asian Elephant Specialist Group of IUCN and a co-chair from 2005-15, a two-term member of the state wildlife board, a member of the Karnataka High Court-constituted elephant task force and was a senior member between 2011 and 13. He was part of the Project Elephant Task Force in 2010, where he along with another elephant expert and IISc Prof R Sukumar brought out the report 'Gaja'. He was currently finalising the National Elephant Action Plan for the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change and was advising the ministry on mitigating human-elephant conflict. He was also a consultant at the Wildlife Institute of India and was presently working as a consultant at GIZ, Indo-German Biodiversity programme to deal with elephant issues in Uttarakhand, Karnataka and West Bengal.

Desai was known for his works in Sri Lanka, Cambodia, Laos, Indonesia and Vietnam.

Sukumar recollected his report, prepared with Bombay Natural History Society researchers. "It was a good scientific report through which the movement pattern of elephants and their home range in the Nilgiri Biosphere was known. It was an important contribution. We worked together as elephant task force members. He came up with the best plans on elephant management issues."

Manoj K, chief conservator of forests, Chamarajanagar, said, "I have lost a beloved friend and an excellent field biologist. He was practical, grounded and true to himself. It's difficult to fill the void."

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests Sanjai Mohan said, "When GIZ was looking for experts, we suggested Desai as I could not think of anyone with field knowledge like him."

HOLY OFFERING

Andhra CM YS Jagan Mohan Reddy offers sacred clothes, pasupu-kumkuma to river Tungabhadra in Kurnool on Friday. With the holy offering, the chief minister marked the commencement of the 12-day Tungabhadra Pushkaram | EXPRESS

Two TNIE journos win Laadli jury praise

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Hyderabad

TWO staffers of The New Indian Express, Telangana, won the 10th Laadli Media and Advertising Awards for Gender Sensitivity (regional) 2018-19. Senior reporter Pinto Deepak and reporter Donita Jose were awarded the jury appreciation citation for showing potential in furthering the gender discourse and discussion in the country.

Pinto Deepak won the award for his works on issues of women in Telangana. He has been working with Express since June, 2018. His article titled, "Why no women in top police posts in Telangana?", exposes how women police personnel in the State are deprived of proper postings and confined only to posts termed 'loopline postings'. At the time of publishing of the piece, there were only two women posted as Station House Officers in the 700 police stations in Telangana.

Donita Jose, a reporter with the newspaper since 2018 August also won the jury appreciation citation for her stories on different aspects of gender bias. Her three selected entries were: "Telangana prisons too prejudiced against transpersons", "TSRTC strike brings fear back to Telangana's Hajipur" and "POCSO victims back in hostile Nampally court".

ACTOR ABDUCTION

With Kerala HC snub, prosecutor likely to quit

TOBY ANTONY @Kochi

WITH the Kerala High Court dismissing the request to transfer the actor abduction and rape case trial to another sessions court, the prosecution fears that Special Public Prosecutor A Sureshan may resign from the post. Attempts are being made by persons who are part of the prosecution team to ensure that Sureshan continues and appears at the Additional Special Sessions Court during the trial in the case.

When TNIE contacted him, Sureshan said he has not decided anything yet. "A decision will be taken after going through the HC judgment," he said. Persons who are part of the prosecution claimed that Sureshan is seriously considering to quit the post. "Some of the comments made by the Additional Special Sessions Court during the trial have not down well with all on the prosecution side. That was the reason the special public prosecutor did not appear for the trial prior to filing the petition at the HC to transfer the case to another court," a source said.

Covid hits tobacco industry; lack of demand in global markets

K SHIVAKUMAR @Mysuru

TOBACCO farmers in the state are an unhappy lot despite harvesting a bumper crop this season. Prices of tobacco have hit the rock bottom, forcing them to plead with the government to intervene.

Last year, farmers had managed to get a better price as the quality of produce had suffered because of low rainfall. This year, however, the crop is good as the region received timely and sufficient rainfall. The Virginia variety of tobacco that is grown here is in great demand world wide. But farmers are worried as the tobacco market is yet to open, prices have crashed and less than 20 per cent of tobacco has been sold. Bales of tobacco have piled up at markets in Hunsur, Periyapatna, Arakalgud and H D Kote. It is said that the buyers who are busy at Andhra Pradesh markets have not turned up in Karnataka because of the Covid pandemic. The buyers too are not keen to pick up the stocks because of lack of demand in international markets due to Covid-19.

Ramesh, a tobacco grower, said that prices have crashed by Rs 30-40 a kg, and it may go down further for medium and low-grade tobacco. The government should prevail upon traders to do justice to the farming community, he pleaded.

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Ramesh, tobacco grower

Prakash, a buyer, said that the situation may look up once buyers from Andhra Pradesh turn up. But, he warned, that medium and low-quality tobacco will not get a good price like last year.

Suggesting that the government should take steps similar to Andhra Pradesh by offering remunerative prices for the produce, former MP and Congress leader R Dhruvanarayan accused the Centre and state BJP governments of not controlling the fall in tobacco prices.

He said that the government collects18 per cent GST on tobacco, which helps improve the revenue of the government. "But the Centre and state have failed to fulfill the demands of tobacco growers," he added.

Over the last three years, the cost of production has gone up, while the price has gone down. "In 2017-18, one kg of tobacco was purchased for Rs 130.30. In 2018-19, it was 142.28, but it came down to Rs 124 in 2019-20. The tobacco board should purchase tobacco at least at Rs 170 per kg," he said.

Hunsur MLA H P Manjunath said that if multinationals and auctioneers bid, the price will be competitive, but ITC has held its monopoly. "Though banks do not lend money for any crop, they do so for tobacco," he added.

8 PVT FIRMS VIE TO RUN TRAINS

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

EIGHT firms are in the race to operate passenger trains in the Bengaluru cluster through private public partnership.

As many as 102 of 120 applications received for 12 clusters were eligible, according to a release from the Ministry of Railways.

The following pairs of trains (both ways) are proposed along these routes for the Bengaluru cluster (Cluster 12): Mysuru and Bhuvaneshwar (daily); Bengaluru and Guwahati (Triweekly), Bengaluru and Delhi (daily), Bengaluru and Howrah via Dharmavaram (daily) between Bengaluru and Ranchi (biweekly).

Railways proposes running 151 trains with private operators.

"This is the first major initiative for attracting private investment for running passenger trains over the Indian Railways network. The project would entail private sector investment of about Rs 30,000 crore," the release said.

Indian Railways is set to begin private operation of trains by March 2023.

Air Chief Marshal reviews LCH programme, makes sortie

Bengaluru: Air Chief Marshal RKS Bhadauria undertook his maiden flight in a HAL designed and developed Light Advanced Helicopter (LCH) in Bengaluru on Friday. The aircraft took off at 11.45 am and remained airborne for an hour. The CAS was accompanied by HAL's Deputy Chief Test Pilot, Wg Cdr (Retd) S P John. While thanking all stakeholders of the LCH project, the Air Chief said, "It was a good sortie. I was able to look at the important flying characteristics and status of sensors already installed. The LCH is a potent platform for its excellent D&D efforts and well-supported flight test team."

ABUSED, THRASHED

Tribal workers from TN narrate their ordeal in K'taka cane fields

R SIVAKUMAR @ Vellore

TWENTY-year-old Gayatri had to run back whenever her newborn wailed in the thatched hut, leaving behind the half cut sugarcane in thefields of Channarayapatna near Hassan in Karnataka. It was only a month ago that she went through the ordeal of delivering the baby. Her body would ache heavily, at times, while she worked at the fields, piling up the cane stems after cutting them. Her body craved for a little rest, but the fear of facing verbal abuse from a foul-mouthed supervisor would drive her to go on with the day's work until her target is achieved.

As many as 22 bonded labourers, 10 of whom were children, were rescued from the sugarcane fields of Channarayapatna near Hassan in Karnataka on Friday | S DINESH

"They do not even allow us to take rest. Even if there is a moment of halt, we used to get verbally abused with filthy words," narrates Gayatri, who was part of a group of 22 bonded labourers rescued, of whom 10 were children, from toiling at the sugarcane fields. All the labourers were brought back to Vellore on Friday, thanks to the intervention by the district collector, A Shanmuga Sundaram, following an alert from the Released Bonded Labourers' Association.

The treatment towards men was no better either. "After the canes were cut, they would force us to load them onto trucks. If we showed any reluctance, they would thrash us," says Chinnarasu, a tribal worker from Periauvanai village near Anaicut in Vellore. The wages too did not match what they were promised to be paid. "They promised us a handsome package while employing us. But, we were given only ₹450 per week," rues another labourer.

The tribal families had migrated to Channarayapatna after they could not find employment here, owing to the adverse impact of the pandemic. Eight of the rescued labourers are from Periauvanai, while 12 are from R Patti in Madhanur (Tirupattur) and two others from Serkkadu in Katpadi.

Our supervisors at the sugarcane fields did not even allow us to take a little rest. Even if there was a moment of halt between works, we used to be verbally abused with filthy words

Gayatri (20), a rescued labourer

EXPRESS READ

Online gaming banned in Tamil Nadu

Chennai: An Ordinance banning online gaming was promulgated by the State government on Friday. This comes after a proposal was submitted to Governor Banwarilal Purohit, amending the Tamil Nadu Gaming Act, 1930 (Tamil Nadu Act III of 1930), Chennai City Police Act, 1888 (Tamil Nadu Act III of 1888) and the Tamil Nadu District Police Act, 1859 (Tamil Nadu Act XXIV of 1859). According to the Ordinance, if caught wagering or betting in cyberspace, one will be fined ₹5,000 and is liable for a six months jail term. The ambit of the punishment extends to those who open or keep common gaming houses as well. Electronic transfer of funds, used for wagering or betting, too has been banned, said a release.

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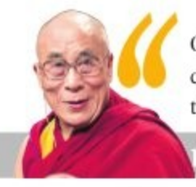

"One of my main practices is the cultivation of altruism— it's what I think about the moment I wake up" — Dalai Lama

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— Ramnath Goenka

SWIFT LVB RESOLUTION A REMINDER FOR GOVT TO EMPOWER RBI

With four financial institutions collapsing in over two years under their watch, the RBI and the government may not merit applause, but the central bank deserves a round. Moments after the government imposed a one-month moratorium on capital-starved Lakshmi Vilas Bank (LVB), the RBI deployed the draft scheme of amalgamation with the Indian unit of the Singapore government-controlled DBS Bank with surgical accuracy. Such a swift resolution protects the interests of depositors and employees, helps maintain financial stability and prevents chaos. While LVB shareholders will stand to lose, the DBS's cash injection of ₹2,500 crore into the merged entity ensures that normalcy of banking operations is restored faster. For the DBS, the acquisition won't materially affect its financials, but significantly expands its footprint adding meaningful physical presence.

Though the rescue reveals the regulator's proactive hand, the criticism, however, is that the RBI waited too long to step in. The LVB has been struggling for some time and had a negative return on assets for two consecutive years. It lacked sufficient capital to manage risks and failed spectacularly to raise funds. Interestingly, it's the only non-government-owned lender to be placed under the Prompt Corrective Action in September 2019. Effectively, a rescue plan involving a white knight began since then, but it took one full year for the RBI to bail out the bank.

Like other economies, India rarely allows its banks to fail. Historically, the government merged distressed or scam-hit lenders with stronger PSBs, with taxpayers picking up the bill. Bucking the trend this time, the RBI chose a foreign entity without roping in state-run lenders, perhaps as they are busy themselves undergoing the mega bank merger process announced last year. It also reinforces the RBI's willingness to encourage foreign entities to scout potential merger candidates given several banks have weak financials but sound businesses. Lastly, the LVB-DBS merger is an important reminder to the government to empower the RBI. Just consider PMC Bank. Last year, the RBI imposed restrictions when crisis struck, but couldn't mount a rescue as it was powerless to supersede the PMC board as it did with the LVB or Yes Bank.

THE POLITICISATION OF CONSTITUTIONAL POSTS

As we predicted, the Andhra Pradesh government and the State Election Commissioner (SEC) are at it again. The bone of contention is the conduct of gram panchayat elections, with the SEC keen to hold the polls in February before he hangs up his boots and the government equally determined not to let him have his way. A legal battle now seems more or less certain.

Constitutionally, the SEC is well within his rights to seek to conduct the polls under Article 243(K). The only question is whether it is advisable at a time when a second wave of Covid-19 is feared as the government argues. Several states have gone in for elections in the last few months and more, including Telangana, are geared up for the same. So, the state government's stance, despite having logic, may not carry weight and is liable to be quashed in a court of law. Nimmagadda Ramesh Kumar, the SEC, on the other hand, has been seeking to take the moral high ground, citing his constitutional duty. However, his conduct ever since the election process began in March has been less than inspiring. His unilateral move to first defer the polls, shoot off a missive to the Centre against the state government and even claim threat to life has given rise to the perception among the ruling YSRC leaders that he has been acting at the behest of the opposition TDP. A lot of water has flown down the bridge since as the government sought to oust him in vain. Given this bad blood between the two sides, the trust deficit is too wide for them to reconcile their differences and arrive at a decision in public interest.

While the court may finally decide on the elections, what this sorry tale underscores is the danger of politicisation of constitutional posts. There must be a debate on whether to have a collegium to appoint the SEC to ensure that he/she doesn't become a pawn in the hands of the powers-that-be and to prevent the government of the day from having its cronies in office. If things continue as is, public trust in the sacred institution will be eroded completely.

Mentors and their perspectives are critical for a new company. But founders must understand that they cannot delegate decision-making to them

A START-UP MENTOR IS THE COACH, NOT CAPTAIN

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AMIT BANDRE

Mentors have been a part of our lives from the very beginning. As kids, our parents were our mentors. As we grew up, teachers became our mentors and as we moved into professional life, we found mentors in the company/industry. These mentors bring in a level of trust and wisdom that are guiding lights as we walk through life.

Similarly, start-up founders will find invaluable advice come in from such mentors/advisors. In the early days, these people prove to be excellent advisors as founders build their products and sharpen their propositions to align them with customer needs, formulate the business strategy and revenue model, get access to potential customers for the early pilots, etc. And as all of this shapes up, founders can leverage these mentors to connect with investors. A warm introduction by the mentor goes a long way with the investors, which is truly leveraging their credibility

As ventures grow, founders will need help from mentors with different experiences. Initial mentors could well be your professors who help build the tech or product, someone who can help with the business strategy. Then as angel investors bring in funds, they also invest their time to help the company—set up its operations for scale, build the team, help with critical first customers and bring the company to a point where it can raise its first institutional funding. As the company grows, they will bring in new mentors and this continues. It doesn't mean they shed their earlier mentors—they just add new people to help them as they grow. There are companies that have engaged their very early mentors and as they grew they brought in others, even when going public. And even as they plan to delist, they are bouncing off strategies and taking advice from a new set of mentors! This does emphasise that it is important to keep learning, taking advice and growing.

The perspectives and experiences of domain experts and successful entrepreneurs are absolutely critical, but all of these mentors just share their views and hold up a mirror to the founders on the implications of their decisions. Apart from helping with the product and connecting to customers, investors and even potential team members, three very critical values that mentors bring in are credibility, crisis management and cohesiveness.

1. It is common for mentors to leverage their credibility and connect their start-ups to decision makers at the customer or investor organisations, something that could have otherwise taken founders much longer to reach and would waste critical time and resources.
2. The second is never evident till it happens. Start-ups are very vulnerable and often face crises. This is when the mentor really helps steer the company out of problems with their sage advice, or weaves in with requisite help very quickly. This was very evident in the recent lockdown phase. Operations of almost every start-up came to a grinding halt. However, many of them survived as they were helped out of the crisis by some brilliant mentoring from people to restart, albeit in a new avatar. It was these mentors who worked day and night over 100+ days along with the founders to ensure the company did not die but survived to see another day and, in some cases, leverage the lockdown and pandemic to grow even faster!
3. Mentors can bring in huge value but one critical input is the ability to stitch the team together. As the company grows, it will recruit talent that will come with different experiences and cultures. While the founders spend time to bring the team together, they will really look to the experienced mentor for smoothing the rough edges and stitching a cohesive top team.

Start-ups often face crises. This is when the mentor helps steer the company out of trouble. This was evident during the lockdown. The other critical values that mentors bring in are credibility and cohesiveness

Hence, it is important for founders to ensure mentors are well engaged. There are many ways of doing this: inviting them to join the company's board, advisory committee, strategy sessions, providing them some equity, engaging them in regular conversations, etc. It is important to ensure your company is part of their mind space and they are engaged enough to proactively contribute.

And for mentors, engaging with start-ups is more than just getting a few shares in the company. It is imperative that they work with companies where they understand the proposition, are engaged in the sector, can give some cycles of time and have a chemistry with the founders. As much as the company engages with the mentor, it is imperative that the mentor is excited enough to work with the founders and be accessible for strategic discussions as well when the founders need help.

But the mentor is not running the company and is just providing advice to the founder. It is the founder who is running the firm. Just as the mentor understands their role as an advisor, it is important for founders to understand that they cannot delegate decision-making to the mentor. It is their company and they are responsible for their team and shareholders. After all, the mentor is the coach, not the captain!

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CLEAN UP POLITICS, BUT GIVE APPEAL REMEDY TO POLITICIANS

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Why is it that the law in India overcriminalises politicians as if they are a class of persons who should be severely and brutally punished in case they err, much more than ordinary citizens who have committed similar crimes or erred in other offences that can be treated as the same degree of crime. Is not the law equally applicable to all?

Though enacted to work with the right intentions, the law relating to disqualification of convicted representatives in India suffers from peculiar problems and most certainly needs a revisit.

The Representation of the People Act, 1951, was enacted to provide for the qualifications and disqualifications for membership of the Parliament or the Legislatures of the states. The Act, along with Articles 102 and 191 of the Constitution, forms the basis of the disqualification law. It was introduced in our Parliament by the country's first law minister, Dr B R Ambedkar.

What was the controversial Clause 4 of Section 8 of the ROP Act that was struck down by the Supreme Court? It stated that "Notwithstanding anything in sub-section (1), sub-section (2) or sub-section (3), a disqualification under either subsection shall not, in the case of a person who on the date of the conviction is a member of Parliament or the Legislature of a state, take effect until three months have elapsed from that date or, if within that period an appeal or application for revision is brought in respect of the conviction or the sentence, until that appeal or application is disposed of by the court."

Essentially Section 8 of the said Act provides for disqualification on conviction for certain offences, while Clause 4 of the Section provided for an option of appeal making the trial court verdict ineffective till the appeal is disposed of.

Striking down Clause 4 ended the much-needed cushion of appeal for lawmakers and made them vulnerable to immediate disqualification, even on a wrongly decided judgment of a trial court.

While Clause 4 of Section 8 of the said act was struck down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in 2013 in Lily Thomas vs. Union of India, it was only on the grounds that the said provision was ultra vires the Constitution and not because of any harm that would ensue had the provision still been intact.

The Indian law relating to disqualification of convicted representatives does not recognise a right to a basic first appeal as a measure of protection. This poses a risk to the reputations that politicians have built over the years. A politician is nothing without his public image and the absence of Section 8(4) harms just that and therefore needs changes.

One cannot overemphasise the amount of hard work and decades of patience that politicians put in before they finally enjoy the respect of the people and get elected to occupy a public office. It is this decades of hard work and respect that a politician gains over time in the eyes of the public that needs to be considered and given basic levels of protection, to the extent that no disqualification shall take place till the conviction is upheld by at least the first court of appeal.

The problem of disqualification without an option of appeal has far-reaching effects beyond just losing one's position—the politicians lose respect in the eyes of their voters. Their conviction would be used in speeches by opponents to humiliate them at least till the time the appeals court overturns the decision of the trial court. This combination of loss of public office as well as loss of reputation is what Section 8(4) was trying to avoid.

Further, apart from providing minimum protection to the lawmakers, Section 8(4) served other purposes too, as recognised by the Supreme Court as recently as in 2005 in K Prabhakaran v. P Jayarajan, wherein it upheld the clause along with the special treatment and protection that it provided to the sitting members of Houses. While upholding the said Section 8(4), the court opined that it operates as an exception. The purpose of carving out the said exception between the sitting legislator and candidate was to protect the House. It is possible that the government in power may be having a razor-thin majority where the disqualification of even one member may have serious consequences upon its functioning.

The Indian law relating to disqualification of convicted representatives does not recognise a right to a basic first appeal as a measure of protection. This poses a risk to the reputations that politicians have built over the years. A politician is nothing without his public image and the absence of Section 8(4) of the Representation of the People Act, 1951, harms just that and needs a relook

An incorrectly convicted politician is left without any leg to stand on to avoid disqualification. Legal luminaries point out that a recourse could be found under Section 389 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973, wherein power has been conferred on the appellate court not only to suspend the execution of the sentence, but also to suspend the order of conviction. The latter avoids the operation of the incorrect verdict and saves the politician from disqualification. One such regularly cited example is of Navjot Singh Sidhu v. State of Punjab and Another [(2007) 2 SCC 574] wherein the appellate court stayed the order of conviction of a sitting MP and allowed him to continue as a member, notwithstanding the conviction by the trial court. But the real question is not whether the power is there with the court, but how frequently the power has been used. It should be understood that a stay on conviction is only given in very rare cases and therefore it isn't a sufficient recourse for a politician who has served people for decades to be respected as a credible person. The Supreme Court has accepted its rarity in Ravikant S Patil v. Sarvabhouma S Bagali [(2007) 1 SCC 673] wherein it said, "It deserves to be clarified that an order granting stay of conviction is not the rule but is an exception to be resorted to in rare cases depending upon the facts of a case. Where the execution of the sentence is stayed, the conviction continues to operate. But where the conviction itself is stayed, the effect is that the conviction will not be operative from the date of stay." Considering that such an option of getting the appellate court to stay the conviction is so rare to achieve, I doubt whether it qualifies to be a recourse in the first place.

In conclusion, it would be worthwhile to emphasise that no class of citizens can be discriminated against as if they are not equal in the eyes of the law. If a convicted felon has an unfettered right of appeal and there are no suggestive judgments to contain him from fully appealing his case, then why not an MLA or MP? Does not the law say that all are equal before it? Has not the lower judiciary erred in several cases that were overturned by the upper appellate judiciary? What does that mean? It means that the judiciary does err or to put it charitably, the lower judiciary sometimes does not take into consideration all factors and comes to incorrect conclusions. Unfettered appeal is the only remedy to correct that error.

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Honouring Covid warriors

The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare should be applauded for its decision to include a special quota for wards of Covid warriors in the central pool of MBBS and BDS seats for the academic year 2020-21. This move is definitely one that will honour the noble contribution made by these life savers.
M Pradyu, Kannur

Service to humanity

The special MBBS and BDS quota for wards of Covid warriors who risked their lives during the pandemic is a step in the right direction. The nation is indebted to them for their service to humanity without bothering about their personal safety.
N A Joseph, Ettumanoor

Out after two hours

The resignation of newly elected education minister Mewalal Choudhary due to corruption charges during his tenure as Vice Chancellor in the Bihar Agricultural University was shocking. With this, he has created a record of serving for the shortest period, less than two hours, after taking charge of the post.
S A Iniyavan Abdullah, Madurai

Two birds with one stone

The editorial, *Kerala's poll-season arrests raise questions* (Nov 20), has exposed the political mileage the government is trying to gain from the back-to-back arrests. The delay in the flyover scam arrest hints that the government is trying to kill two birds with one stone.
Bijumon P N, Idukki

Listen to the veterans

This is with reference to *The rainbow has only one colour left?* (Nov 20). The author highlighted how the GOP has been downsizing itself gradually in the last few decades. It is high time the party rises back on its feet. The Congress high command must listen to its veterans.
K Jayanthi, Chennai

Pathetic state of GOP

The article drew attention to the pathetic situation of the Congress currently. Some serious changes internally are the need of the hour. Unfortunately, those helming the party are not thinking about this. Unless the leadership acts wisely and urgently, the party will become a thing of the past.
Vinod Varkala, Thiruvananthapuram

Misuse of political power

This is with reference to *SC strikes a heart-warming blow for personal liberty* (Nov 20). The author has highlighted the principle of liberty from a different angle, with a special mention about the arrest of TV anchor Arnab Goswami. The case is an example of the misuse of power by politicians in office.
Haribandhu Panigrahi, Tarbha

Protecting personal liberty

Kudos to the author for laying emphasis on the protection of personal liberty as enshrined in our Constitution. It is imperative for all courts in the nation to take a cue from the Supreme Court's observation in Goswami's case about safeguarding personal freedom.
Venkat Desikan, Chennai

Why no MSP guarantee?

This is with reference to *Needless psy-ops to resume rail traffic in Punjab* (Nov 20). The farm laws were enacted in the interest of farmers. The main cause of the agitation is farmers demanding Minimum Support Price. Why doesn't the Centre explicitly state that MSP is guaranteed in the farm laws?
O Prasada Rao, Hyderabad

Losses to exchequer

It is apparent that the continuing agitation by some Punjab farmers is nothing but a vindictive exercise against the well-meaning moves by the Centre. This is causing hardships to travellers and resulting in enormous losses to the exchequer.
S Lakshmi, email

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TWEETS OF THE DAY

Sitaram Yechury @SitaramYechury
It's a scandal how govt has perfected Cronyism. While Farmers are chased for loans, of 66 big defaulters, just 0.5% of ₹17, 821 cr has been recovered!

Capt.Amarinder Singh @capt_amarinder
On WorldChildrenDay, let's pledge access to quality education & good health for children... Education in our Govt schools is free with emphasis on quality.

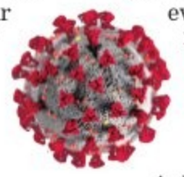
Ashok Gehlot @ashokgehlot51
Love Jihad is a word manufactured by BJP to divide the Nation... Marriage is a matter of personal liberty, bringing a law to curb it is unconstitutional.

Don't use remdesivir on Covid patients: WHO

SUMI SUKANYA DUTTA
@ New Delhi

THE World Health Organization (WHO) has recommended against using Ebola drug remdesivir in hospitalised Covid-19 patients, over a month after its Solidarity Trial revealed that the antiviral, along with five other medicines tested, had no significant benefit for coronavirus patients.

The drug — which is manufactured by 6 Indian companies following their tie-ups with its original proprietor, US based Gilead Sciences — had been granted emergency use authorisation in India for Covid-19.



However, an expert panel of the World Health Organization has concluded that remdesivir, given intravenously, has no meaningful effect on mortality or on other key outcomes for patients, such as the need for mechanical ventilation or time to clinical improvement.

The report by the panel, published in *British Medical Journal* on Thursday, did not rule out the drug's use altogether as Covid-19 treatment, but said evidence was lacking to recommend its use.

Since the beginning of the pandemic, the repurposed drug has generated much interest after it was shown to work against SARS-CoV-2 in laboratory conditions.

The Recovery trial, overseen by the US National Institutes of Health, had also suggested that the medicine helped Covid-19 patients recover and get out of the hospital faster by about four days even though there was no impact on mortality.

The multi-country Solidarity Trial, however, said remdesivir and other drugs studied "appeared to have little or no effect" on patients.

Some doctors have been vouching for the medicine ever since it became available in India.

Many other medical practitioners, however, criticise the continued use of the antiviral drug for Covid-19, especially as it costs about ₹20,000-24,000 per course per patient. The use of remdesivir, they argue, helps the drugmakers instead of patients.

PM holds high-level meet; terrorists planning 'something big on 26/11 Mumbai attack anniv

Killing of JeM men thwarted bid to wreak major destruction: PM

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

AFTER a high-level security meeting, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday said the security forces had thwarted a nefarious plot against democratic process in Jammu and Kashmir.

The PM went into a huddle with Home Minister Amit Shah, National Security Advisor Ajit Doval and senior officials to take stock of the Nagrota encounter and also the security arrangements for the district development council elections in J&K. Top intelligence officials also attended the meeting.

In his tweets following the meeting, Modi said, "Neutralising of 4 terrorists belonging to Pakistan-based terrorist organisation Jaish-e-Mohammed and the presence of large cache of weapons and explosives with them indicate that their efforts to wreak major havoc and destruction have once again been thwarted."

Hailing the security forces, he said they have once again displayed utmost bravery and professionalism. "Our security forces have once again displayed utmost bravery and professionalism, defeating a nefarious plot to target grassroots level democratic exercises in Jammu and Kashmir," tweeted Modi.

> **Our security forces have once again displayed utmost bravery and professionalism, defeating a nefarious plot to target grassroots level democratic exercises in Jammu and Kashmir** —Narendra Modi, PM

A J&K police personnel shows a damaged wall of a police post on Friday, a day after the encounter in Nagrota in Jammu district. | PTI

Government sources said the investigation so far has indicated the terrorists were plotting "something big", possibly a strike on the anniversary of the 26/11 Mumbai attacks.

The DDC polls are scheduled to be held from November 28 to December 22 and results will be declared on December 22. The political outfits are in the midst of campaigning, and the Centre appears to believe that the terrorists had sought to derail the electoral process. Several BJP workers in Kashmir have been the targets of the terrorists in recent months.

Four heavily armed suspected Jaish-e-Mohammad terrorists were killed on the Jammu-Srinagar national Highway near Nagrota toll Plaza. Foreign Secretary Harsh Vardhan Shringla, besides intelligence officials also attended the review meeting with the PM.

The eight-phase DDC polls will select candidates for 280 DDC seats besides filling vacancies in 12,000 Panchayat seats as well 230 vacant seats in urban bodies. Earlier this week, the BJP hit out at political partiest that are contesting the polls under Gupkar Alliance.

PARTNERSHIP

Tech institutes to adopt NH stretches for smooth travel

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ New Delhi

THE National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) will collaborate with 200 premier institutes and engineering colleges across the country to adopt highway stretches.

According to the NHAI, 18 IITs including IIT-Roorkee, IIT-Bombay, IIT-Varanasi, IIT-Guwahati, IIT-Kanpur and IIT-Kharagpur, 26 NITs and 190 other reputed engineering colleges have agreed to collaborate with it.

According to the NHAI, the adopted stretches can be used as a field of study for faculty, researchers and also to familiarise students with the latest trends in industry and suggest the relevant performance parameters and innovations.

"The partner institutes will study improvement prospects in road safety, maintenance, riding comfort, removal of choke points, black spots and usage of new technologies on the adopted stretches and give suitable suggestions," a statement by the authority read.

The NHAI will also offer paid internships to 20 undergraduate and 20 post-graduate students as a part of the initiative.

Some of the areas of collaboration include improvements in safety provisions by removing existing deficiencies and offering potential solutions to old recurring problems based on local experience, improvements in maintenance and riding comfort through cost effective measures based on innovative technologies, localised solutions for removal of congestion points and viability of new wayside amenities.

ACADEMIC

IITs board to discuss revision of JEE syllabus

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ New Delhi

THE Joint Admissions Board of the Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) is set to revise the syllabus based on which the Joint Entrance Examination (Advanced) will be organised next year.

The meeting of the board for the purpose will be held on Saturday.

JEE (Advanced), the entrance test for IITs, is held every year after JEE (main) results.

Sources in the IITs told this newspaper that the revision is being undertaken to account for the changes introduced in the Class XII syllabus for mathematics, chemistry and physics by the Central Board of Secondary Education last year.

The revised syllabus, which mainly saw removal of repetitions in the curriculum, is being taught to the students in the current academic year.

This revision was decided much before the board reduced the syllabus for 2020 by almost 30 per cent due to major academic disruption caused by the Covid-19 pandemic, sources added.

JEE (Advanced) next year is set to be organised by IIT-Kharagpur.

Four 'dissenters' included in new Congress panels

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

AMID calls for 'introspection' by senior party leaders, Congress chief Sonia Gandhi on Friday constituted three committees to discuss matters related to economy, foreign affairs and national security, with four of the 23 'dissenters' who had earlier written to her on a need to revamp the party, finding place on the panels.

Among the letter writers, Ghulam Nabi Azad, Anand Sharma, Veerappa Moily and Shashi Tharoor have been included. Sharma is the chairman of the AICC foreign affairs department and Shashi Tharoor is chief of party's Professional Congress. Former prime minister Manmohan Singh is part of all the three panels.

While former finance minister P Chidambaram, Mallikarjun Kharge and Digvijaya Singh will be part of the economic affairs committee, Jairam Ramesh will be its convener.

The committee on foreign affairs will have Sharma, Tharoor, Salman Khurshid and Saptagiri Ulaka. The committee on national security will have leader of Azad, Moily, Vincent H Pala and V Vaithilingam.

The panels have been formed at a time when senior leaders are engaged in a war of words over Bihar election results, with some calling for introspection and others questioning their intent.

After the Bihar election results, Chidambaram stressed that the party needed to address issues as it has no organisational presence left on the ground and has been weakened considerably. Sharma has taken a stand contrary to the party's on the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership and criticised the decision to stay away from it.

SONIA IN GOA TO AVOID DELHI'S TOXIC AIR

Following advice from her doctors, Congress president Sonia Gandhi flew to Goa on Friday to avoid the pollution in the national capital. She is accompanied by son Rahul Gandhi. The trip came after doctors advised her to go out of Delhi for some time, keeping in mind her asthmatic condition and chest infection. She is expected to stay at a south Goa resort. She has been suffering from recurring chest infection and was discharged from hospital on August 2.

Kerala scribe intended to create caste divide: UP

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE Uttar Pradesh government on Friday told the Supreme Court that it had arrested Kerala journalist **Siddique Kappan** to prevent him from creating a law and order problem in Hathras where a 20-year-old Dalit woman was allegedly gangraped and murdered. In an affidavit, the state claimed Kappan was apprehended with incriminating evidence.

The Kerala Union of Working Journalists (KUWJ) has filed an Article 32 petition before the apex court, alleging Kappan's arrest is illegal and that he should be released. Kappan, who works with Malayalam website *Azhimukham*, is elected secretary of KUWJ's Delhi unit.

Denying all charges by Kappan, the state said Kappan travelled to Hathras with an identity card of a Kerala-based newspaper, *Thejas*, which was closed in 2018.

The state alleged Kappan is the office secretary of banned Popular Front of India (PFI) and that he, under the garb of a journalist, was visiting Hathras with a determined design to create a caste divide and disturb law and order situation.

UP government counsel, solicitor general Tushar Mehta, also told the bench that the state had no objection to Kappan's lawyer meeting him. On his submission, the bench adjourned KUWJ's petition, saying it would be heard a week later, after Kappan has met with his counsel.

> **The said tweet is grossly vulgar and obnoxious, and I have no doubt that it would tend to lower the authority of the SC as well as undermine the confidence that the litigant public have in the institution** —Attorney General K K Venugopal

AG nod to contempt proceedings against Kunal Kamra for fresh tweet

NEW DELHI: Attorney General K K Venugopal on Friday gave consent for initiating contempt proceedings against stand-up comedian Kunal Kamra for his tweet against Chief Justice of India S A Bobde saying it was grossly vulgar and obnoxious and tended to lower the authority of the Supreme Court.

The AG had last week granted consent for initiation of contempt proceedings against Kamra for his earlier tweets which criticised the SC, saying it was time people understood that attacking it brazenly will attract punishment.

Venugopal granted the fresh consent on a request made by Prayagraj-based advocate Anuj Singh and said, "The said tweet is grossly vulgar and obnoxious, and I have no doubt that it would tend to lower the authority of the SC as well as undermine the confidence that the litigant public have in the institution." *ENS*

Advance air operations with MiG 29Ks from INS Vikramaditya with the navies of Australia, Japan and US in the Arabian Sea as part of Malabar Exercise 2020 | PTI

Centre proposes 12 working hours, up from 8 in Code passed by Parliament

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE labour ministry on Friday issued a draft notification for rules of the Code on Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions allowing maximum 12 working hours in a day as opposed to the maximum eight hours proposed in the OSH Code passed by Parliament earlier.

The draft says no worker in an establishment shall be allowed to work for more than 48 hours in a week. "The period of work of a worker shall be so arranged that inclusive of his intervals for rest, shall not spread over for more than twelve hours in a day," the draft stated.

The government has sought views from all stakeholders in 45 days. Along with this notification, the government has issued rules for all labour codes, which were passed in the monsoon session. The Centre hopes to implement the codes by January 2021.

The Code on Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions also mandates the employers to pay double the wages to workers who work overtime. "In pursuance of Section 27 of Code, wherein an establishment a worker works for more than eight hours in any day or for more than 48 hours in any week, as the case may be, he shall in respect of such overtime work be entitled to wages at the rate of twice his ordinary rate of wages and shall be paid at the end of each wage period," the draft said.

The rules also specify how hours would be calculated for overtime. Overtime between 15 and 30 minutes would be treated as half an hour while anything between 30 and 60 minutes will be rounded off to one hour. For calculating wages, the daily wages shall be 1/26th of the monthly wages.

Malabar excercise over, INS Vikramaditya steals the show

MAYANK SINGH @ New Delhi

THE 24th edition of the four-nation Malabar maritime exercise concluded on Friday amidst the Indian Navy assets deployed across the span of the Indian Ocean.

As per the Indian navy, the exercise reflected the commitment of the participating countries to support a free, open and inclusive Indo-Pacific and a rules-based international order.

The Malabar Exercise 2020 was hosted in two phases. Phase I, involving participation by the Indian, US, Australian and Japanese navies, was conducted off Visakhapatnam coast in Bay of Bengal from November 3-6. The second phase was conducted in the Arabian Sea from November 17-20.

During Phase 2 of the exercise, the four navies participated in joint operations centered on the Vikramaditya Carrier Battle Group of the Indian Navy and Nimitz Carrier Strike Group of the US Navy. The two aircraft carriers, along with other ships, submarines and aircraft of the participating navies, engaged in high intensity operations including cross-deck flying operations and advanced air defence exercises by MIG 29K fighters of Vikramaditya and F/A-18 fighters and E2C Hawkeye from Nimitz. The Nimitz was accompanied by cruiser Princeton and destroyer Sterett in addition to P8A maritime reconnaissance aircraft. The Royal Australian Navy and JMSDF were represented by frigate Ballarat and destroyer Murasame respectively.

The Malabar exercise, which began as an annual bilateral naval exercise between India and the US in 1992, has seen increasing scope and complexity over the years.

Leading the Indian side

The Indian Navy's participation was led by Rear Admiral Krishna Swaminathan, Flag Officer Commanding Western Fleet

India, Nepal discuss cross-border railway projects at virutal meet

NEW DELHI: Thef ourth Indo-Nepal Joint Working Group meeting on railway cooperation was held virtually on Friday where the two sides discussed cross-border projects.

"The group reviewed the cross-border rail link projects between Jaynagar-Bijalpura-Bardibas and Jogbani-Biratnagar. Both sides discussed the technical preparedness of the 34-km stretch of railway line between Jaynagar in India and Kurtha in Nepal for operation of passenger services and also the standard operating procedure that needs to be put in place by the Nepa Railway Company," a release after the meeting stated.

Tensions between India and Nepal flared up after Rajnath Singh on May 8 inaugurated a road in Lipulekh, a territory Nepal claims. Nepal in retaliation adopted a map that shows Kalapani, Lipulekh and Limpiyadhura as its territories. But visits of R&AW and the Army chiefs seem to have defused the tension. *ENS*

Modi, Bhutanese PM launch RuPay card Ph-II

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi on Friday launched phase II of the RuPay card in Bhutan with Bhutanese Prime Minister Lotay Tshering.

"The launch of this phase would make tourism, shopping and other transactions easier for Bhutanese tourists in India. I am happy to know that there have been 11,000 successful Rupay transactions in Bhutan already. Had Covid not happened, this number would have been much higher. We are launching the Phase II of the RuPay Card scheme. RuPay cards issued by the Bhutan National Bank can be used at ATMs for ₹1 lakh and for ₹20 lakh at point-of-sale terminals," Modi said.

PM Modi after launching phase two of the RuPay card in Bhutan | PTI

Modi said India and Bhutan had signed a framework for peaceful use of Outer Space. "This will help institutions in both countries and improve cooperation. India has recently opened its space sector for private enterprises. This will promote capacity, innovation and skills," the PM said and added that the ISRO will launch four Bhutanese satellites.

Tshering thanked Modi for India's assurance of making the Covid-19 vaccine available to Bhutan when ready for use. "The lead that India is taking in developing vaccines is a source of hope for all of us."

INVESTIGATION

Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray has given approval to a probe into the state-run power company's dues amounting ` 51,000 crore. Eenergy minister Nitin Raut held BJP responsible for the financial mess.

8L HOUSES TO BE BUILT IN RURAL MAHARASHTRA

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	31	15	Mumbai	33	25
Bhopal	27	11	Panaji	34	23
Jaipur	25	11	Patna	26	12
Amritsar	22	5	Lucknow	24	10
Chennai	31	21	Port Blair	30	26
Kolkata	30	20	Imphal	25	11
Srinagar	12	-4	Chandigarh	25	8

Agri law protest: Farmers to reach capital on Nov 26

Farmers warn states of indefinite protests if they are stopped on national highways

HARPREET BAJWA @Chandigarh

HUNDREDS of farmers, especially from Punjab, will converge in Delhi for a show of strength on November 26 to send their message across to the Centre regarding the central agrarian laws.

As talks with the Union ministers on the three contentious farm acts remained inconclusive, farmer unions warned the state governments that any effort to stop them en route to Delhi would result in blockades as they are arriving prepared with four months of rations. Radical Sikh outfit Dal Khalsa has also extended its full support to the 'Delhi Chalo' call given by farmer organizations to protest against the contentious farm laws.

Meanwhile, Punjab CM Amarinder Singh is set to hold talks with the representatives of farmers unions on Saturday and present their views to PM Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah.

In a meeting attended by All India Kisan Mahasangh, All India Kisan Sangharsh Coordination Committee, and a forum led by BS Rajewal and Gurnam Singh Chanduni, the farmer unions decided that they would drive tractor-trolleys to reach Delhi using Grand Trunk Road, Agra-Delhi, Jaipur-Delhi, Rohtak-Hisar-Delhi and Bareilly-Delhi highways.

"We will travel by five national highways. If Haryana, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh (governments) or any agency tries to stop us on the way, we will sit on the highway and carry out our protests. From each village of Punjab, 11 tractor-trolleys will be driven to Delhi. It is the fight to the end as the Centre has to withdraw the three central farm laws," said Omkar Singh of Bhartiya Kisan Union (Rajewal Group).

The farm laws are an assault on Indian farmers. They are aimed at corporatisation of agriculture and makes farmers more vulnerable

Yogendra Yadav, Swaraj India chief

These decisions were taken on Thursday evening at a meeting of 11-member coordination panel followed by another involving a seven-member core committee set up for coordination at the national level. "The movement has now reached a decisive phase. Farmers owing allegiance to more than 500 organizations will be reaching Delhi under Delhi Chalo call," said Dr Darshan Pal of the Joint Kisan Morcha said.

Haryana Health Minister Anil Vij volunteers in trials for Covaxin at Civil Hospital in Ambala district on Friday | PTI

HARYANA CLOSES SCHOOLS, STATE MINISTER GIVEN TRIAL VACCINE

HARPREET BAJWA @Chandigarh

AFTER over 150 school students and teachers in various parts of Haryana were tested positive for Covid-19, the state government on Friday decided to close all government and private schools till Nov 30.

In a bold decision, Haryana Home-cum-Health Minister Anil Vij, 67, became the first volunteer in the northern state for the third phase trial of potential coronavirus vaccine Covaxin.

He was administered a trial dose on Friday, possibly becoming the first cabinet minister of any state government to have volunteered for the trial test.

At least 150 school students and teachers of classes IX-XII from three districts of the state tested positive. These cases were reported from Rewari, Jind and Jhajjar, prompting the state government to order closure of the educational institutions.

The condition of the children is stated to be stable and most of them were under home isolation.

Vij said health department teams would conduct checkups of students and teachers of all schools. Strict action will be taken against schools which are not following the standard operating procedures, he added.

Vij was administered the dose at the Civil Hospital Ambala Cantt. He first underwent a few tests at the hospital, where he was kept under observation for some time after being administered the Covid vaccine being developed by Bharat Biotech. Vij is diabetic and had undergone a surgery sometime back. "I'm not suffering from any disease which may affect me adversely after taking the vaccine," he said.

Before getting the trail dose, Vij said, "If all goes well, the vaccine will be available to the people by early next year." Civil Surgeon, Ambala, Dr Kuldeep Singh said the Covaxin dose was administered to Vij successfully.

Human trials of the vaccine had begun at the Post Graduate Institute of Medical Sciences at Rohtak in July.

Covaxin is being developed indigenously by Bharat Biotech in collaboration with the ICMR. Last month, the company had said it had successfully completed interim analyses of Phase-I and II trials.

MP: Night curfew to be enforced in five districts

Madhya Pradesh decided to enforce night curfew (10 pm to 6 am) from Saturday in Indore, Bhopal,Gwalior, Ratlam and Vidisha districts. There will, however, be no restrictions on movement of industrial workers and trucks.

Uttarakhand postpones opening of colleges

Uttarakhand has postponed the reopening of colleges. It decided to reopen colleges in December. The state is mulling to make testing mandatory in those districts where more students or teachers test Covid positive.

BJP set to end ties with Bodo front in Assam

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Guwahati

THE BJP in Assam is in no mood to continue its alliance with the Bodoland People's Front (BPF), with some pointing it to the party's tacit understanding with the United People's Party Liberal (UPPL).

Assam Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said the BJP's alliance with the BPF was for a period of five years and it would not be renewed. "The alliance was struck for five years. This means the BJP will not have any alliance with the BPF in the Assembly elections."

BJP, BPF and Asom Gana Parishad (AGP) had come together ahead of the 2016 polls. After ousting the Congress from power, they had formed a coalition government.

The BPF ruled the autonomous Bodoland Territorial Council, which administers four districts falling under Bodoland Territorial Region, for 17 years since its creation in 2003. The BTC elections, deferred earlier due to the pandemic, will be held in December.

The BJP is not happy over alleged largescale corruption in the BTC. "There is a growing demand within our party to sever ties with the BPF. The final decision will be taken by our central panel," said BJP's state chief Ranjit Kumar Dass.

EXPRESS READ

Akali leader's Z-plus security withdrawn

Chandigarh: Nearly two months after the Shiromani Akali Dal walked out of the NDA, the Centre on Friday withdrew the Z-plus security cover of senior Akali leader Bikram Singh Majithia, the brother-in-law of party chief Sukhbir Singh Badal. The Akalis termed the decision as political vendetta.

UP Shia Waqf board ex-chief booked

Lucknow: The CBI lodged two FIRs against Waseem Rizvi, the ex-chairman of UP Shia Waqf Board, and others for alleged illegal sale, purchase and transfer of Waqf properties in Prayagraj and Kanpur. But Rizvi called it a conspiracy allegedly hatched by cleric Maulan Kalbe Jawwad to tarnish his image.

Cong may sever ties with Gupkar parties in Kashmir

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

UNDER relentless attack from the BJP for being a part of the "Gupkar Gang", the Congress would take a call in the next few days whether to end the seat sharing agreement entered with the seven-party alliance for the District Development Council (DDC) polls.

The severing of the seat sharing agreement would make the contest triangular in Jammu and Kashmir

A senior Congress leader told this newspaper that most of the party leaders, especially from Jammu, are in favour of going solo in the polls. "The party leaders would take a call whether to contest all the 280 seats on its own or enter into a tactical seat sharing adjustment with other secular parties to defeat communal forces," he said.

The eight phase DDC polls will begin from November 28 and conclude on December 19. Results will be out on December 22.

The Gupkar Alliance, which has vowed to fight for Article 370 restoration, has released four lists of candidates for the first four phases and only two seats were left for Congress. It allotted two seats for the Congress in second phase while the Congress does not feature in the third and fourth phase.

Another senior Congress leader said as the Congress is a national party and politics is to be done with this view.

Party insiders said they have already fielded their candidates from different seats. In case, the party decides to snap its agreement, then the candidatures would not be withdrawn and they will contest against the Gupkar alliance and the BJP candidates.

Senior BJP leader Shahnawaz Hussain, meanwhile, claimed the Congress is frightened of the BJP. "It gets scared after hearing names of Modi and Amit Shah. When Amit Shah exposed Congress, they left the 'Gupkar gang'," he said in Srinagar.

BJP spokesperson Shahnawaz Hussain during a press conference in Srinagar | PTI

Gupkar Gang accepted Art 370 gone forever: BJP

Senior BJP leader Shahnawaz Hussain claimed that Article 370, which was scrapped by the Centre on August 5 last year, was not sub-judice. He asserted the 'Gupkar Gang' has accepted that Article 370 has gone forever and that is why they are contesting the polls.

BJP brass pitches Modi mantra to Bengal unit for boosting grassroots

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Kolkata

THE BJP's national leadership has asked the party's Bengal functionaries to follow the Modi mantra of *Mera Booth, Sabse Mazboot* to wrest power in poll-bound West Bengal.

Reminding that the next year's polls is a prestige fight for Union Home minister Amit Shah, five central leaders, who are holding organisational meetings in the state since past two days, issued a series of instructions to strengthen the party's support base in grassroots level.

Booth-level workers were asked to bring at least 100 participants on the day of Modi's *Maan Ki Baat* event in every polling booth and reach out to the young electorate in their areas. Besides, the high command also asked party leaders to make inroads in Bengali's culture clan, win the hearts of Bengalis and sharpen attack on social media targeting the ruling Trinamool Congress.

Central leaders Sunil Deodhar, Vinod Sonkar and Dushyant Gautam interacted with district-level leaders throughout on Thursday and Friday.

Gautam held one-to-one interaction with the leaders from Kolkata, South 24 Parganas, North 24 Parganas. He gave patient hearings to all sections and noted their grievances. "He (Gautam) told me to speak without hesitation. I raised the issue of the priority offered to turncoats keeping aside the party's workers. This is causing harm to the organisation in many pockets. He asked another person in the room to take down the points I raised," said a BJP leader from North 24 Parganas.

Another leader from Kolkata raised his discontent about the high-handedness of a section of BJP's state level functionaries. "There is a clear division in the party between the two factions led by state president Dilip Ghosh and Mukul Roy. Gautam gave his mobile number and asked me to express my opinion directly to him in future."

Amit Shah to review feedback from state

The five central leaders will submit reports mentioning the ground-level strength of the party to Union Home minister Amit Shah. On the basis of the report, Shah is expected to give directions to Bengal functionaries. The state-level leaders are anticipating a major rejig in the party.

Tina Dabi, Athar Khan file for divorce

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Jaipur

TINA Dabi, the 2015 UPSC topper, and her IAS husband Athar Khan have filed for divorce with mutual consent in a family court in Jaipur. The couple had married in 2018.

Both Tina and Athar are officers of Rajasthan cadre. Currently, Tina is working in the Finance Department as Joint Secretary and Athar is the CEO, EGS department.

In October 2018, Tina had received her first full-fledged posting as Sub-Divisional Officer of Bhilwara. Weeks later, Athar too had received his first posting as the SDM in Bhilwara.

In July after nearly two years of serving in the same city, the civil servants received new postings in two different cities. While Tina was posted at Sri Ganganagar, Athar had been transferred to Jaipur.

Mangled remains of a vehicle after it collided with a truck on the Prayagraj -Lucknow highway | PTI

Six kids among 14 dead in UP accident

NAMITA BAJPAI @Lucknow

REVELRY turned into a tragedy when 14 people, including six children, of a wedding party were killed and a few others injured when the vehicle they were travelling in collided with a parked truck on Prayagraj-Lucknow highway late Thursday night.

The accident took place under Manikpur police station of Pratapgarh district.

Pratapgarh's superintendent of police Anurag Arya said initial inquiry suggested that the SUV driver had failed to spot the stationary truck and collided with it on the highway near Deshraj Inara village.

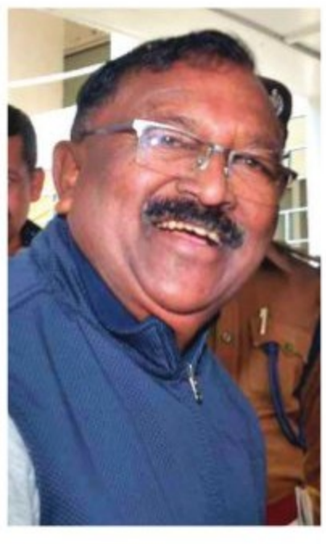
Passengers trapped in the SUV were taken out by using a gas cutter and moved to the community health centre in Kunda where 14 of them were declared dead upon arrival. The dead included women and children, the SP said.

Those who died in the accident included Dayaram (40), Dinesh Kumar (40), Pawan Kumar (10), Ramsamujh (40), Ansh (9), Gaurav Kumar (10), Aman (7), Naan Bhaiya (55), Mithilesh Kumar (17), Sachin (12), Himanshu (12), Abhimanyu (28), Parasnath (40) and the SUV driver Bablu (22).

Twelve of the victims were from Jigrapur village while two others along with the driver were from another village, police said. They had gone to attend a wedding at Shekhpur village in Nawabganj area and were returning home.

Yogi sends condolence message to families

Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has expressed grief over the accident and directed senior officials to ensure relief work. He also announced a compensation of ` 2 lakh to the families of those who lost their lives, said Pratapgarh DM Rupesh Kumar.



Nalin Soren adjudged best legislator

Senior Jharkhand Mukti Morcha leader and seven-time Shikaripara MLA Nalin Soren has been chosen for the Birsa Munda Best Legislator Award. Soren, who became the MLA for the first time in 1990, will be conferred the best legislator award by Assembly Speaker Rabindra Nath Mahto on the occasion of Jharkhand's 20th foundation day on November 22. The award includes a cash prize of ` 51,000, certificate and a shawl. Expressing gratitude towards the selection panel and the people of his constituency, Soren advised young legislators that they should remain in touch with the people.

MUKESH RANJAN
Our correspondent in Jharkhand
mukesh.r@newindianexpress.com

RANCHI DIARY

Book Bank for poor children

Senior BJP leader and Ranchi parliamentarian Sanjay Seth will set up a book bank for the poor and needy people. According to Seth, needy children will be provided old books free of cost through the book bank. The Ranchi MP said his main objective is to provide books to the needy children of rural areas and people preparing for competition. Seth has fixed the target of collecting around one lakh books by December end. Volunteers interested in depositing books at Samadhan Kendra and those interested in the initiative can call on 0651 22400 60/22400 54 at the MP office. Staff from MP Samadhan Kendra will visit houses of people to collect books. At the same time, the Ranchi MP alleged that the Jharakhand government has not been able to provide books to children.

Recognition for Hindalco

Hindalco Industries Limited of the Aditya Birla Group has been ranked as the aluminium industry leader for its sustainability performance in the 2020 edition of the S&P Dow Jones Sustainability Indices (DJSI) Corporate Sustainability Assessment (CSA) rankings. Industry leaders are the top-performing companies in each of the 61 industries represented in the DJSI. Hindalco got a total score of 75 points as against the industry average of 51. Hindalco's scores are in the 100th percentile in most aspects of all three dimensions of the Environmental, Social and Governance in the DJSI Corporate Sustainability Assessment.

Tata Steel's Virtual Run to take place on Nov 22

The first-ever Tata Steel Virtual Run is all set to be held on November 22. The various run categories for the Virtual Run are - 5km run: 12-16 years (boys/girls), 7km run: 16 years and above (men/women) and 10 km run: 16 years and above (men/women). To encourage maximum participation, some exciting awards like e-certificate; discount coupons; and a steel medal, especially crafted by Tata Steel will be given out to the participants. To respect and protect Mother Nature and value the great advantages of greenery, a sapling will be planted for each participant in Jamshedpur. Tata Steel has been promoting fitness culture through its marathons.

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521

No. CEE/TZ/KLB/Civil/2020-21/8298 Date: 20.11.2020

TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Through e-Procurement Mode only)

Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited, invites bids for the following works in Kalaburagi Zone on Total Turnkey Basis.

1) Bid Enquiry No: CEE/TZ/KLB/Civil/2020-21/01, Dtd:18.11.2020, for **Construction of compound wall towards front side and left side of station at 110kV Sub-station Deodurga. (Reserved for SC).**

2) Bid Enquiry No: CEE/TZ/KLB/Civil/2020-21/02, Dtd:18.11.2020, for **Construction of area compound wall to 110kV Sub-station Kudathini. (Others).**

3) Bid Enquiry No: CEE/TZ/KLB/Civil/2020-21/03, Dtd:18.11.2020, for **Construction of Platform for keeping of outdoor materials in store yard at 110kV Sub-station premises Kalaburagi (North). (Reserved for SC).**

4) Bid Enquiry No: CEE/TZ/KLB/Civil/2020-21/04, Dtd:18.11.2020, for **Providing Peripheral compound wall for the balance portion at 110kV Sub-station Sastapur. (Others).**

5) Bid Enquiry No: CEE/TZ/KLB/Civil/2020-21/05, Dtd:18.11.2020, for **Providing Security Fencing & Peripheral compound wall at 110kV Sub-station Shorapur. (Reserved for ST).**

6) Bid Enquiry No: CEE/TZ/KLB/Civil/2020-21/06, Dtd:18.11.2020, for **Construction of Hot line Sub-station office building at Munirabad (Others).**

The bids will be received through e-Procurement portal only. The detailed notifications regarding subject enquiry in the e-Procurement process can be obtained by logging on to KPTCL website **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** on hyperlink **"e-Procurement"** from **23.11.2020**. Further details can be had from the office of the undersigned during office hours.

Sd/- Chief Engineer (Elecl.)
Transmission Zone, KPTCL, Prasarana Bhavan, Sedam Road, Kalaburagi.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that, my Client Mr. JUNAID AHMED SHARIFF, S/o Late Muneer Ahmed Shariff, residing at No.29, 2[nd] Floor, 3[rd] cross, Tank Garden, Someshwara Nagar, Jayanagar 1[st] Block, Bangalore-560 011, has entered into an Agreement of Sale on 22-10-2020, to purchase the under mentioned schedule property from Mr.MEHABOOB PASHA, S/o Mohammed Ismail, any person/s, Bank/society/Firm or anybody having any rights, title, interest or claims by way of sale, exchange, mortgage, gift, release, trust, inheritance, banquets, possession, lease, easement sale agreement or otherwise over the schedule property or any portion thereof, they may file their objection/s along with documentary proof within 15 (Fifteen) days from the date of Publication of this Notice to the Purchaser contact number 9880650934, failing which it is deemed that there is no impediment to complete the sale transaction and which shall be deemed to have been waived to all intents and purposes, my client will proceed on the basis, that there are no objections, claims/interest whatsoever in nature and it will be finalized.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the Immovable Property bearing Site No.187, Property No.16/1, Assessment No.16/1, Old Khatha No.1134, New Khatha Sl. No.1151, situated at BILVARADAHALLI VILLAGE, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District Bangalore, measuring East to West 30 ft and North to South 40 ft and bounded on:
East by: Site No.175, West by: 30 feet Road,
North by: Site No.188, South by: Site No.186

MOHAN KUMAR. N. B.A. L.L.B.,
Advocate and Legal Consultant
No.8, 6[th] Cross, 1[st] Main, S. R. Nagar,
BANGALORE-560 027, Mob No.98443 51849.

PUBLIC NOTICE

FORM URS - 2

Advertisement giving notice about registration under Part I of chapter XXI
[Pursuant to section 374(b) of the Companies Act, 2013 and rule 4(1) of the Companies (Authorized to Register) Rules, 2014]

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that in pursuance of sub-section (2) of section 366 of the Companies Act, 2013. An application has been made to the Registrar at Karnataka that Tech SMC Square India LLP a partnership firm may be registered under Part I of chapter XXI of the Companies Act 2013, as a company limited by shares.

2. The principal objects of the company are as follows:
To provide technologies, techniques, processes in filed of Corporate, Consultancy, Advisory and support services and in assisting in setting up and structuring, grooming and developing organization etc.

3. A copy of the draft memorandum and articles of association of the proposed company may be inspected the office at #135, 5th floor, North Square, infantry road, Bengaluru-560001.

4. Notice is here by given that any person objecting to this application may communicate their objection in writing to the Registrar at E Wing, 2nd Floor, Kendriya Sadan, Kormangala, Bengaluru, Karnataka 560034. Within 3 days from the date of publications of this notice, with a copy to the company at its registered office.

Dated this 21st day of Nov 2020

Name(s) of Applicant:
1. Patricia Conolly Stephan,
2. Gary Michel,
3. Govind S R

KARNATAKA INDUSTRIAL AREAS DEVELOPMENT BOARD

(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
49, East Wing , 4[th] & 5[th] Floor, Khanija Bhavan, Race Course Road,
Bengaluru – 560 001. Phone No. 080-22265383. Website: www.kiadb.in

No. IADB/ENGG/ETND-EP-36/8219/2020-21 Date: 20.11.2020

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

(Through GOK e–Procurement Portal Only)

KIADB is inviting tender for Item rate Tenders under two cover system are invited as per the Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 1999 and Rules 2000 through electronic procurement from Class-I Contractors (Civil) registered in KPWD who have got adequate financial resources & sufficient past experience for the following work **1) Formation of 30m wide approach Road including Asphalting, Construction of RCC Drains, Culverts & Other Allied Works from State Highway SH-82 (Hoskote-Chinthamani Road) Approach Road to Mastenahalli Industrial Area, Kaiwari Hobli, Chinthamani Taluk, Chikkaballapura District.**

The last date and time of receipt of tender is : **21.12.2020 upto 04:00 pm**

Applicants May Download Bidding Documents from the E-Procurement Portal **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/-
Chief Engineer - 1

DIPR/DDU/JA/1752/2020-21

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IDFC FIRST Bank Limited

(Formerly known as Capital First Limited)
CIN : L65110TN2014PLC097792
Registered Office: KRM Towers, 8[th] Floor, Harrington Road, Chetpet, Chennai - 600031. TEL: +91 44 4564 4000 | FAX: +91 44 4564 4022.
Authorized Officer – Mr Dhananjay | **Contact Number** –9686854006

APPENDIX- IV-A [See proviso to rule 8 (6)]
SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **IDFC First Bank Limited Formally known as Capital First Limited,** will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on **24[th] December 2020,** for recovery of INR 52,69,279/-due to the **IDFC First Bank Limited** from **SUSHMA MALPANI.** The Reserve Price will be **INR 54,10,000/**-and the Earnest Money Deposit will be **INR 5,41,000/-**

DESCRIPTION OF MORTGAGE PROPERTY

FLAT NO- 001, GROUND FLOOR, ROYAL PARADISE, PROPERTY BEARING SITE NO 4 & 9, ASSESSMENT NO 24, KADIRENHALLI VILLAGE, UTTARHALLIHOBLI, BANGALORE SOUTH

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in **IDFC First Bank Limited** website i.e. **www.idfcfirstbank.com**

Sd/-
Authorised Officer
IDFC FIRST Bank Limited
Date : 21[st] Nov 2020 (Formally known as Capital First limited)

CHOLAMANDALAM INVESTMENT AND FINANCE COMPANY LIMITED

Corporate Office: 1st Floor, 'Dare House', No.2, N.S.C. Bose Road, Chennai-600 001
Branch Office: Municipal No.45, (Old Nos. 45 & 45/1), Second Floor, Lalbagh Road, Bangalore - 560 027.

DEMAND NOTICES ISSUED TO THE FOLLOWING BORROWERS UNDER SECTION 13[2] OF THE SECURITISATION & RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT 2002

Sl No.	Date of Loan	Account No.	Name of The Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor	Address	Secured Asset	Date of Demand Notice	Loan Amount	Amount Outstanding
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
1.	25.04.2017	X0HEBAN00001973147	1. Late Pradeep H B, Represented by its Legal Heirs, (a) Mrs. Suma(Wife) (b) Minor Adhvik 2. M/s Matthias Interiors, 3. Puttamma B T	No.991, Hesaragatta Road, AGB Layout, Chikkabanavara, Bangalore, Bangalore-560 090 No.12, Old No.138, 4th Floor, 4th Main, Industrial Town, Rajajinagar, Bangalore-560 044.	All That Piece And Parcel Of Property Site No.991, Khatha No.373, Sy.Nos. 9, 10/1, 10/2, 10/3, 10/4, 11/1, 11/2, 12/1, 12/2, 13, 14/1, 14/2, 14/3, 14/4, 14/6, 16/1, 16/2, 16/3, 17, 18, 19, 21/1, 21/2, 21/3, 21/4, 21/5, 21/6, 22, 49 & 50 Situated At Chikkasandra Village Yashwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk Bangalore. Presently comes under the Jurisdiction of BBMP. Bounded: East by: Site No.992, West by: Site No.990, North by : Site No.1006, South by: Road. Measuring: East to West: 30ft and North to South: 50ft, in all measuring 1500sq.ft.	05-10-2020	Rs.6500000/-	Rs.63,78,110.04/- as on 28.02.2020 with further interest thereon.

The Under signed is the Authorised Officer of Cholamandalam Investment And Finance Company Limitedhereinafter called the secured creditor, under Rule 2[a] of the Security Interest [Enforcement] Rules framed under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.
In pursuant to loan agreement on the dates mentioned in column [A] the above named borrowers in column [C] residing at the address in column [D] were sanctioned loans indicated in column [G] in loan account number indicated in column [B]. Towards the due repayment of loan, equitable mortgage by deposit of title deeds of the assets in column [E] was created by the borrowers.
On persistent default in repayment of the loan amount the loan accounts of the borrowers have been classified by the secured creditor as Non Performing Asset in accordance with the directions and guidelines issued by the Reserve Bank of India. Consequently notice under Sec. 13[2] of the Act was also issued to each of the borrowers on the dates mentioned in column [F], which have been returned undelivered.
I state that under section 13 [8] of the Securitisation Act, you can redeem the secured asset by payment of the entire outstanding including all costs, charges and expenses before notification of sale.
In view of the above, the above named borrowers are called upon to discharge in full their liabilities towards the Secured Creditor by making the payment of the entire outstanding indicated in Column [H] above including up to date interest, costs, and charges within 60 days from the date of notice, failing which, the secured creditor shall be entitled to take possession of the Secured Asset and shall also take such other actions as is available to the Secured Creditor in law. In the absence of full discharge of dues even after the transfer of secured assets the secured creditor reserves its right to proceed against the borrowers before a Sole Arbitrator, in terms of the Loan Agreement
In addition the above named borrowers shall not alienate by way of transfer, sale, lease or otherwise or create third party interest or dealing with the Secured Asset in column [E] mentioned against the name of the each borrowers in any manner except with specific prior written permission of the Secured creditor.

Date : 21.11.2020 **AUTHORISED OFFICER**
Place: Bangalore **Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Company Limited**

IN THE HON'BLE COURT OF THE CIVIL JUDGE AND JMFC AT NELAMANGALA
C.Mis. No. 269/2020

Petitioner: Sri Bairappa S/o. Late Chikkahanumaiah, aged about 70 years, Residing at Dasanapura Village, Dasanapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore.
-V/s- Respondent : The Thahasildar, Registrar of Births And Deaths, Bangalore North Taluk, Bengalore.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas the above named Petitioner has filed the above Petition UNDER SECTION 13(3) OF REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS AND DEATHS ACT 1969 for seeking direction to the respondent authorities to issue death certificate of his father by name **Chikkahanumaiah S/o Late Erenanjegowda,** who died on **12-04-1958** in Petitioner's house and the Hon'ble Court has posted the above petition to **1-12-2020** for hearing of the petition and that if any person's desire to oppose the said Petition or claim or interest shall appear before the Hon'ble Court in person or by pleader duly instructed at 11 a.m. failing which the above said petition will be heard disposed on enquiry.
Given under my hand and the seal of the court on 14-10-2020.
By order of the court, Chief Ministerial officer, Court of the Civil Judge and JMFC at Nelamangala.
Advocate for Petitioner : **NAVEEN KUMAR M.,** Nelamangala

NOTICE

Our client Sri Quresh .S. Mogul, son of late Sri Shabbir M. Mogul, resident of No. 37, Burahani Villa Bohra Colony, Gottigere Village, Bannerghatta Road, Bangalore 560083 is the absolute owner of the schedule property. For the purposes of development of the schedule property, our client had entered into an Joint Development Agreement with M/s. Archana Ventures, Represented by its Partner, Mr. V. Seshu Kumar, No.529, 1st Floor, Banashankari Nagar, 31st Main, 1st Cross, BSK 3rd Stage, BANGALORE-560070 and he has also executed General Power of Attorney in its favour on 20th February 2014. Our client has cancelled the Joint Development Agreement dated 20th Feb. 2014 since it has not developed the schedule property as per the terms of the Joint Development Agreement and he has also Revoked / cancelled the General Power of Attorney dated 20 February 2014 executed by him in his favour of M/s. Archana Ventures. The Joint Development Agreement dated 20th Feb. 2014 is no longer in existence and M/s. Archana Ventures has no authority to represent our client in respect of the schedule property. The public are hereby informed not to transact with M/s. Archana Ventures in respect of the schedule property without the notice to our client and If any person transacts with M/s. Archana Ventures in respect of the schedule property they will be doing so at their own risk and our client is not answerable for the same.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the converted land bearing Survey Nos. 324/1, 324/2 measuring 1 acre 25 guntas or 7865 square yards which is equivalent to 70,785 square feet out of the land totally measuring 1 acre 30 guntas which is situated at Kaggalipura Village, Uttarahalli Mobil, Bangalore South Taluk.
Bounded on the : **East by:** Sy.No. 324/3 of Chandrashekara Reddy, **West by:** Kanakapura Road, Nursery of Shashidhar, **North by:** Lands of Govindappa, **South by:** Kaluve and Private Road.

N. SRIDHAR, Advocate
Sri Payoonichi Law Chambers
Central Chambers, No. 113, 2nd Main,
Gandhinagar, Bangalore - 560009.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby notified that my clients have entered into a transaction to purchase the property described in the schedule belonging to one **Smt. Jayamma,** W/o Late krishnappa residing at No. 63, Chikkagubbi Road, Bidarahalli Hobli, Dodda Gubbi Post, Bengaluru-560 049. Any person including Institutions or Financial Institutions have a charge or the property is encumbered may file their objections within 10 days from the date of the receipt of this Notice of Publication.

In the event no such objections are submitted to the undersigned in respect of the property for which my clients are investing to purchase my client will proceed to purchase the property.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of Site No. 115, Block No.I in Banashankari I Stage Extension Old Municipal No.53, Present Ward No.156, Srinagar, 11 Main Road, Municipal No.9, Old No.115 with PID No.53-12-8 measuring East to West 30 Feet and North to South 42 in all measuring 1260 feet bounded on :

East by : Private Property
West by : Remaining of Property bearing No.115
North by : Road
South by : Site No. 114.

V.B. SHIVAKUMAR
Advocate & Solicitor
VBS LAW INC.
No.230, First Floor, 4th Main Road,
Chamrajpet, BENGALURU-560 018

Tamilnad Mercantile Bank Ltd.,

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Regd. Office: 57, V.E.Road, Thoothukudi - 628 002. Website: www.tmb.in

Mahalaxmi Chambers, 29, Mahatma Gandhi Road, Cantonment, Bengaluru - 560001
BANGALORE CANTONMENT BRANCH
(Without Prejudice to O.A.No.392/2007 pending before DRT 2, Bengaluru.)
APPENDIX IV-A [See proviso to rule 8(6)]

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

Auction Sale Notice for sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower, Partners and Guarantors that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **Tamilnad Mercantile Bank Ltd.,** Secured Creditor, will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" on 07.12.2020,** for recovery of **Rs.12,34,46,418.58 (Rupees Twelve Crore Thirty Four Lakh Forty Six Thousand Four Hundred Eighteen and Paise Fifty Eight)** due to **Tamilnad Mercantile Bank Limited, Bangalore Cantonment Branch** (Secured Creditor) from the Borrower, **M/s.Sarama Agro Foods Corporation and the Partners, Mr.R.M.V.Raman, Mrs.Vijayalakshmi, Mrs.R.Sarguna & Ms.Shivangi.M.Sekar and the Guarantors, Mr.R.M.Sekar, Mrs.Chinnakolandai Ammal, Mr.P.Srinivasan & Mr.P.Venkatesh.** The Reserve Price will be **Rs.1,50,00,000/-** and the earnest money deposit will be **Rs.15,00,000/-.**

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY

Land to the extent of 2907.50 sq.ft. in S.No's.65/3 & 65/9, Khatha No.15/2 and the Commercial & Residential building constructed thereat to the total extent of 6300 sq.ft. (Ground Floor - 1575 sq.ft, First Floor - 1575 sq.ft., Second Floor - 1575 sq.ft. & Third Floor - 1575 sq.ft.) at 4th Cross, 9th Main, Saibaba Nagara, Ward No.96, Kalappa Block, Ramachandrapura, Sriramapura, Bangalore-560021, standing in the name of Mr.P.Srinivasan and Mr.P.Venkatesh. Boundaries: North: 4th Cross, South : Property of Sabuji and others, East :Main Road, West : Property of Papamma.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in secured creditors website **(www.tmb.in)**

Place: Bengaluru **Authorised Officer**
Date: 17.11.2020 **Tamilnad Mercantile Bank Ltd.**
Bangalore Cantonment Branch

UCO BANK

(A Govt. of India Undertaking)

ASSET MANAGEMENT BRANCH(2117)
UCO Bank Building, 13/22, K. G. Road, (First Floor)
Gandhi Nagar, Bangalore - 560 009
Tel: 080-43472770, 43472712, **E-mail: banamb@ucobank.co.in**

PUBLIC NOTICE OF E-AUCTION SALE (FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY)

(In terms of Securitisation and Reconstruction of Finanical Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest (SARFAESI) Act 2002)

Whereas the Authorized Officer of the Bank has issued a Demand notice under Section 13(2) of SARFAESI ACT 2002 and thereafter in exercise of powers under Section 13(12) of SARFAESI ACT 2002 has taken possession of property mortgaged to Bank under Section 13(4) of the SARFAESI ACT 2002. The undersigned in the capacity of Authorized Officer has decided for sale of the property to public by E-auction and invite bids from the intending purchasers for purchase of immovable property mentioned hereunder on **"AS IS WHERE IS" & " AS IS WHAT IS" basis.**

Name & Address of Borrower's/Guarantor	a) Date of Demand Notice b) Amount due as per Notice c) Date of Possession d) Present Outstanding Dues	a) Date and Time for Inspection of Property b) Date and Time of Auction	a) Reserve Price b) EMD Amount c) Bid Increment
Borrower: **1. M/s. K. R. Electricals Proprietor: Mr. H. J. Kiran Kumar** S/o. H. T. Jayaram, No. 6, A Cross, Pipeline, J. C. Nagar, Kurubarahalli, Bangalore - 560 086. Guarantor (Mortgagor): **Mr. H. T. Jayaram** S/o. Sri Thimmaiah, No. 10, New No. 306, 8th Cross, Saraswathipuram, Nandini Layout, Bangalore - 560 096.	a) **12.12.2016** b) **Rs.21,27,645/-** + interest w.e.f. 01.01.2016, incidential expenses, cost charges etc., c) **18.02.2017** d) **Rs.22,49,020/-** + unapplied interest and costs charges etc., w.e.f. 01.01.2016.	**a) 11.12.2020 between10.00 A.M. to 5.00 P.M. b) 15.12.2020 between 12.00 Noon to 4.00 P.M. IST**	**a) Rs.22,50,000/- b) Rs.2,25,000/- c) Rs.25,000/-**

Description of Immovable Property: All that piece and parcel of the Vacant Site No. 118, Khatha No. 150, formed in Sy. No. 55/1, measuring 5.00 Acres vide Conversion Order No. ALN(N)SR58/1999-2000 dated 14.01.2000 measuring East to West 100 ft and North to South 50 ft totally measuring 5000 sq.ft. situated at Yentaganahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, and Bounded on :east by : Site No. 115, West by : Road, North by : Site No. 117, South by : Site No. 119. **In the name of : Mr. H. T. Jayaram S/o. Sri Thimmaiah.**

Terms and Conditions : 1. The auction sale will be "online e-auction" bidding through website **https://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/index_new.jsp, 2.**Date and time of auction **15.12.2020 between 12.00 Noon to 4.00 PM as per (IST), 3.**Last date & time of submission of EMD & documents **as per MSTC guidelines. 4.** Auction would be conducted for an initial period of 240 minutes followed by unlimited extensions of 10minutes each, in case a valid bid is received in last 10 minutes. **5.** Auction would commence at Reserve Price, as mentioned above, Bidders shall improve their offers in multiples of Rs.25,000.00 (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand only). **6.** Intending bidders shall register with the E-AUCTION portal to create their user Ids and passwards. Bidders have to register online by providing their KYC documents and registration fees as prescribed by the service provider (MSTC). Once the KYC documents are verified by MSTC, the registration will be activated within a period of maximum two working days from the date of submission of all KYC documents and registration fees. **7.**Bidders are advised to go through the website https://**www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/index_new.jsp,** for detailed terms and conditions login Id & password uploading data, submitting bid, training/Demonstration.inter-se bidding etc of auction sale before submitting their bids and taking part in e-auction sale proceeding. **8.**Bids shall be submitted through online only in the prescribed format with relevant details **9.**Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) of 10% shall be deposited through NEFT Fund transfer to Credit of **MSTC** wallet by generating the challan. Rest amount after sussessful bidding to be sent to **CURRENT Account N. 00240210007150** with UCO Bank, Bangalore City Branch Branch, **IFSC Code : UCBA0000024. 10.** A copy of the Bid form along with the enclosure submitted online (also mentioning UTR Number)shall be handed over to the Authorised Officer, UCO Bank, Asset Management Branch, Bangalore at above mentioned address or soft copies of the same by E-mail to **banamb@ucobank.co.in, 11.** The Successful bidder shall have to pay 25% of the purchase amount (including earnest money already paid through wallet), immediately on closure of the E-auction Sale proceedings on the same day or next day of the sale in the same mode as mentioned above and if he fails to deposit the same, the amount deposited towards the earnest money shall be forfeited and the property shall be sold again. The Balance 75% of the purchase price shall have to be paid within 15 days or within the extended time from the date of confirmation of sale by the authorised officer. In case of default all amounts deposited till then shall be forfeited including earnest money deposited. **12.**The EMD of unsuccessful bidder will be returned on the closure of the E-auction sale proceedings within 3 days and shall not carry any interest. **13.**The sale is subject to confirmation by the Bank, if the borrower pays the bank in full before sale, no sale will be conducted. **14.**The property is sold in "As is Where is" and "As is What is" condition and the intending bidder should make discreet enquires as regards on the property of any authority besides the banks charges and should satisfy themselves about the title, extent, quality and quantity of the property before submitting their bid. No claim of whatsoever nature regarding the property put for sale, charges, encumbrances over the property on any other matter etc., will be entertained after submission of the online bid. **15.** The undersigned has the absolute right and discretion to accept or reject any bid or adjourn/postpone/cancel the sale/modify any terms and conditions of the sale without any prior notice and assigning any reasons. **16.**The purchaser shall bear the stamp duties, charges including those of sale certificate registration charges, all taxes, rates,statutory dues payable to Government or any Authority etc., both existing and future relating to the property. The sale certificate will be issued only in the name of successful bidder. **17.** The intending purchaser can inspect the property on the date and time mentioned against respective properties above. **18.** The sale is subject to conditions prescribed in the SARFAESI Act/ Rules 2002 and the conditions mentioned above. **19. This publication is also 15 days notice to the above borrower/mortgagor of the above said loan about holding auction sale in the above manner under Rule 9(1) of Seurity Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 of SARFAESI Act 2002 on the above mentioned date if the outstanding dues are not paid in full.**

Special Instruction/Caution : Bidding in the last minutes/seconds should be avoided by the bidders in their own interest. Neither UCOBank nor the Service Provider will be responsible for any lapses/failure (Internet failure, Power failure, etc.) on the part of the bidder or vendor in such cases. In order to ward off such contingent situation, bidders are requested to make all the necessary arrangements/alternatives such as back –up power supply and whatever else required so that they are able to circumvent such situation and are able to participate in the auction successfully.

Dt: 18.11.2020, Place: Bengaluru Sd/- Authorised Officer, UCO Bank

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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that my client **Smt. Rukmini** W/o G. Ramananda Reddy, Aged about 72 years, Residing at No.49,15[th] Cross, Wilson Garden, Bengaluru-560030, she is the absolute owner of the site bearing No.604, Block No.II, Koramangala extension, measuring East to west 50 feet, North to South 75 feet, and together with all rights along with building constructed thereon, bounded on **East by:** Site No.603, **West by:** Site No.605, **North by:** Site No.619, **South by:** Road, She acquired the same through Lease Cum-Sale Agreement dated 4[th] January 1974 and registered Sale Deed dated 4[th] May 1989, from the BDA. On 15/11/2020 my client has lost all the original deeds pertaining to the above site. In this regard she has lodged a police complaint on 18/11/2020 the public to whosoever find original document may be handed over to my client or undersigned Advocate. Any person/s do not have any right, title or interest of any nature in or any lien, charge or claims in relation to the said property. The public are hereby warned that any transaction whatsoever with respect to the said property would be at their own risk.

M. CHOWDA REDDY, BAL, LLB.,
Advocate, Mob:9986946592.

LOST

Notice is hereby given to General Public that the following document has been lost and not traceable, by my client, Sri. Shivanna. If found inform to **Smt. B. Mallika, Advocate,** No. 10, 1[st] Floor, 1[st] Main, 2[nd]Cross, Saraswathipuram, Nandinilayout, Bangalore- 560 096, within eight days from the date of publication.

Sale deed, dated 20/01/2005, executed by Sri. Prasanna, in favour of Sri. K. Shivanna, registered as document no. BAS-1-26254-2004-2005, in Book I, stored in CD no. BASD129, on 20/01/2005, in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Bangalore South Taluk, with respect to site no. 10, situated at Doddakannelli Village measuring 875 Sq., Ft.

MALLIKA.B, Advocate
No. 10, 1[st] Floor, 1[st] Main,
2[nd] Cross, Saraswathipuram,
Nandinilayout, Bangalore- 560 096.
Ph: 9742658187

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that my client **SRI.PABLO TACHIL** Son of Geroge Tachil, aged about 38 years, residing at C/o George Romeo, No. 327, Providence 7th Main, 7th Cross, Nrupathunga Nagar, NGEF Layout, Bangalore North, Bangalore-560072, has agreed to purchase the Schedule Property from **SRI. NIKIL. K.V.** S/o Late. K. Veerabhadraiah, aged about 26 years, residing at No.86, Kogunahalli village, Doddaballapura Taluk, Bangalore Rural District-561203.

The public is hereby inform that any person/s having any manner of right/s, claim/s, charge/s, objection/s against in respect of the under mentioned Schedule Property may notify the undersign within 7 (Seven) days from the date of Publication of this public notice along with documentary proof in support of the same, failing which my client shall proceed to purchase the Schedule Property and he/she will complete the transaction as if no valid claims are subsisting against the Schedule Property and further no claim shall be entertained thereafter.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All the piece and parcel of the agricultural property bearing **Sy.No. 58/3, measuring 02 acres** of land situated at **Kogunahalli village, Doddbelavangala Hobli, Doddabalapura Taluk, Bangalore Rural District** which is bounded on: **East by :** Property bearing Sy.No.57 belongs to Sri. Kempaiah & Sri. Chikanna, **West by :** Property bearing Sy.No.58/7 & Sy.No.82 belongs to Sri. Basavaraju, Sri. Kemparaju & Sri. Amarnath, **North by :** Property bearing Sy.No.51/3A belongs to Sri. Kempaiah, **South by :** Property bearing Sy.No.59 belongs to Smt. Kempamma.

N. CHANDRAPPA, Advocate
No. 6, Vaishnavi Nilaya, Srirampura,
Near Water Tank, Jakkur Post,
Bangalore-560064.
Mob : 9448883181/9945573181

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public at large hereby notified that, Our Clients, **Sri. Sumit Chhazed,** S/o Gajendra Kumar Chhazed Aged about 31 Years, Residing at 641 (First Floor), 12th Cross, 27th Main, HSR Layout, 1st Sector, Bangalore-560102, have intended to Purchase the below mentioned schedule property from its owner Smt. Sridevi Balaraju, W/o Sri. S. Balaraju.

Any Person having any right title interest, lien charge or claim whatsoever in upon or to the schedule property or any portion thereof, By way of any easement or under agreements arrangements lease, trust, inheritance, gift, partition bequest., possession, mortgage, exchange, or under any deed/instrument or however otherwise to me at the his/he/it's their objectors, claim in writing to me at the under mentioned address, through registered post, along with the supporting documentary evidence, within 15 days of the issuance of this notice, hereof, failing of which it will be presumed that no valid claims or objections subsist and my client will proceed with the sale transaction.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the BDA property bearing Site No. 2426, **BDA Katha No. 2426/HSR-1/2002-03, Formed by the Bangalore Development Authority Situated at Hosur Sarjapur Road Layout, Sector – I (Agara), HSR Layout, Presently comes under BBMP Limits,** Measuring East to West: 9.14 Meters, North to South : 12;19 Meters in all measuring 111.41 Sq. Mtrs., together with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface and bounded on: **East By : Site No 2427; West By : Site No 2425; North By : Site No 2441; South By : Road;**
Along with Ground, First, Second and Third Floors (Totally Built up area 3900 Sq. Ft.) of RCC Roofed house built in thereon, constructed with cement and bricks, the doors and windows are made out with jungle wood, vitrified tiles flooring with all civic amenities like water, Electricity and Sanitary connections in the schedule property.

Mr. SUDHINDRA BHAT, ADVOCATE,
SS LAW, No. 1058, 22nd A Main,
22nd Cross, HSR Layout, Sector 2,
Bangalore–560102. Mobile No. **9845103951**

SVC CO-OPERATIVE BANK LTD.

RECOVERY DEPARTMENT: SVC TOWER, JAWAHARLAL NEHRU ROAD, VAKOLA, SANTACRUZ (EAST), MUMBAI-400 055. TEL NO.71999980/71999928/71999970
REGIONAL OFFICE: NO.1, 2ND FLOOR, CENTRAL BANK ROAD, CHAMRAJPET, BANGALORE - 560 018, PH: 080 71231027 TO 32
Branch: No.1210/C, 80 Feet Road, Near Hotel Deewar, 1st Phase, 2nd Stage, Chandra Layout, Bengaluru - 560040

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured creditor, the physical possession has been taken by the Authorized Officer of SVC Co-operative Bank Ltd., the Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is Where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on **24.12.2020** for recovery of **Rs. 3,41,29,164.93** (Rupees Three Crore Forty One Lakh Twenty Nine Thousand One Hundred and Sixty Four and paisa Ninety Three only) as on 31.10.2020 together with future interest from 01.11.2020 at contractual rate plus legal costs/charges due to SVC Co-operative Bank Ltd., the Secured Creditor from **1. M/s. Klassic Interiors invention Pvt Ltd.,"Saroja Towers', 35/1(old No.32), Opposite to Audigodi police quarters, Luskar House Road, Audugodi, Bengaluru 560 030 Also at : No.25, Chennakeshava Nilaya, 1st floor, 1-A Main Road, Byraveshwara Nagar, Nagarbhavi Main Road, Bengaluru 560 072. 2. Mrs. S. Parimala,3. Mr. S. Sukumaran, 4. Mr. Sukumaran Shashidharan, No. 2 to 4 are residing at: No. 3 and 4, Block VI, Skyline City Apartments, Nagarbhavi, Bengaluru 560 072.**

The reserve price will be **Rs.11,00,000/-** (Rupees Eleven Lakh only) for Each Item and the earnest money deposit will be **Rs. 1,21,000 /-** (Rupees One Lakh Twenty One Thousand only) for each Item.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY

Item No. 1: PLOT No.200, measuring East to West on both sides 30 Feet and North to South on both sides 50 Feet in all measuring 1500 Square Feet together with building constructed/to be constructed thereon and the Plot No.200 comes under Sy. No.16/2 situated within the following boundaries PLOT No.200 Bounded by: East: The site in plot No.201,West: The site in plot No.199,North: The site in plot No.191, South : Road.
Item No. 2: PLOT No.201, measuring East to West on both sides 30 Feet and North to South on both sides 50 Feet in all measuring 1500 Square Feet and the Plot No.201 comes under Sy. No.16/2 situated within the following boundaries: East : The site in plot No.202, West: The site in plot No.200,North: The site in plot No.190, South : Road.
Item No. 3 : PLOT No.202, measuring East to West on both sides 30 Feet and North to South on both sides 50 Feet in all measuring 1500 Square Feet and the Plot No.202 comes under Sy. No.12/1 and 16/2 situated within the following boundaries PLOT No.202 Bounded by:-East : The site in plot No.203.West: The site in plot No.201, North : The site in plot No.189, South: Road.
All above Items are situated at Kalahasthipuram Village of Hosur Taluk, Krishnagiri District, attached to the Registration District of Krishnagiri, Sub-Registration District of Hosur and also attached to Village Panchayat Limits of Chennasandiram and Union Council of Hosur, the land bearing (1). Survey No.11/1, Dry Ext. Hect.0.98.5 (or) Ac.2.43, full extent. (2).Survey No.12/4, Dry Ext. Hect.0.74.5 (or) Ac.1.84, full extent. (3).Survey No.16/1, Dry Ext. Hect.2.08.5 (or) Ac.5.15, full extent. (4).Survey No.16/2, Dry Ext. Hect.1.68.5 (or) Ac.4.16, full extent. (5).Survey No.17/1, Dry Ext. Hect.1.15.0 (or) Ac.2.84, full extent. (6).Survey No.17/11,Dry Ext. Hect.1.81.5 (or) Ac.4.48 out of this an extent of Ac.1.80. (7).Survey No.18/2, Dry Ext. Hect.0.94.0 (or) Ac.2.32 out of this an extent of 0.09 Cents. (8). Survey No.12/1, Dry Ext. Hect.3.08.0 (or) Ac.8.52 out of this an extent of Ac.5.70. (9).Survey No.12/2, Dry Ext. Ac.3.62 out of this an extent of Hect.1.32.0 or Ac.3.26.
So altogether making a total extent Ac.27.72 as per the approval layout plan vide Approval No.298/1998, approved by the Directorate of Town and Country Planning (DTCP), Chennai, Tamilnadu.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer to the link provided in SVC Co-Operative Bank Ltd., the Secured Creditor's website i.e. **https://www.svcbank.com/Home/Notice-Of-Sale**

Date : 20.11.2020 **Sd/- Authorized Officer**
Place : Bangalore **SVC Co-operative Bank Ltd.**

PUBLIC NOTICE

FOR PURCHASE OF PROPERTY

NOTICE is hereby given that **Vijayanand and others along with M/s. Dwarakamal Builders And Developers Pvt. Ltd, Rep by its Managing Director Mr. Musunuri Kishore** have agreed to sell the schedule property in favour of my Client **SUREDDY GOWTHAMI DEVI, SUREDDY REVANTH VENKAT KUMAR & M P MANJARI,** free from all encumbrances. Any person having any right, title , interest, claim or demand of any nature whatsoever in respect of the said property, is hereby required to make the same known in writing along with the documentary proof thereof, to the below mentioned his Counsel Mr. RADESH.K, Office at No.7, HM Pearl Complex, Thubarahalli Bangalore. [contact:+91 9008242426] within 07 days from the date of publication hereof, failing which the negotiations shall be completed, without any reference to such claims and the claims if any, shall be deemed to have been given up or waived.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing Villa No: 52, measuring 139.29 SqMtrs and property bearing Property bearing Villa No: 55, measuring 139.29 SqMtrs, formed in Sy.No: 1/1, measuring 5 Acres 17 Guntas (Out of 6 Acres 5 Guntas 18 GuntasKarab), Situated at Kannamanagala Village, BidarahalliHobli, Bangalore East Taluk, converted vide Official Memorandum dated 16/08/2017 bearing No:ALN (EBK) SR 67/2016-17, issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore.

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Director - MKM Legal Solutions Pvt Ltd
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Authorized Officer – Mr Dhananjay | **Contact Number** –9686854006

APPENDIX- IV-A [See proviso to rule 8 (6)]
SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **IDFC First Bank Limited Formally known as Capital First limited,** will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on **24[th] December 2020**, for recovery of **INR 31,09,868/-** due to the **IDFC First Bank Limited** from **PARASHIVA M.** The Reserve Price will be **INR 44,02,976/**-and the Earnest Money Deposit will be **INR 4,40,297.60/-**

DESCRIPTION OF MORTGAGE PROPERTY

FLAT BEARINNG NO. 405, THIRD FLOOR, ASR OCTAVE, SY NO.11/7 & 11/9, CHIKKANAYAKANAHALLI VILLAGE, BANGALORE, KARNATAKA - 562125

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in **IDFC First Bank Limited** website i.e. **www.idfcfirstbank.com**

Sd/-
Authorised Officer
IDFC FIRST Bank Limited
Date : 21[st] Nov 2020 (Formally known as Capital First limited)

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new coronavirus deaths Turkey on Friday reported, the highest single toll since its first recorded death

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Colombo	30	25	TDS	Melbourne	19	13	LC
Dhaka	32	21	SNY	Moscow	3	-1	LC
Dubai	30	22	SNY	New York	12	5	SNY
Houston	28	21	LC	Singapore	32	25	TDS
Istanbul	15	10	LR	Toronto	7	4	LC
London	15	13	LR	Washington	13	6	SNY

Biden shrugs off Trump's desperate attempts to undermine poll victory

Trump is trying to use power of president to pressure Republican officials to overturn results

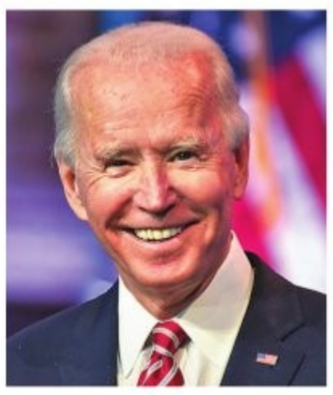
BOSTON

Two Michigan state legislators headed to the White House on Friday as President Donald Trump made an extraordinary and sure-to-be futile attempt to block Joe Biden's victory in the battleground state and subvert the results of the 2020 presidential election.

The state has yet to certify its results for Biden, who won Michigan by more than 154,000 votes, according to unofficial results. Trump and his allies have been trying to convince judges and lawmakers in the state to set aside the popular vote and swap in Republican-chosen electors.

The president personally called two county canvass board officials earlier this week who had refused to certify the results in Wayne County, the state's most populous county and one that overwhelmingly favored Biden. The two GOP officials eventually agreed to certify the results, but following Trump's call, they later said they had second thoughts.

Biden is trying to minimise Trump's attempts to undermine the election results, with his advisers contending that they were only meant to soothe Trump for his loss and not have any actual change in the poll outcome, the Washington Post reported on Friday.


US President-elect Joe Biden | AFP

"It's hard to fathom how this man thinks. It's hard to fathom," Biden was quoted as telling reporters in Wilmington, Delaware. "I am confident he knows he hasn't won and he's not going to be able to win, and we're going to be sworn in on Jan 20."

In addition, Biden is not considering any new legal moves to counter Trump's lawsuits.

Last-ditch effort

The Michigan effort is among multiple last-ditch tactics Trump and his allies are using to challenge his defeat. His team also has suggested in a legal challenge that Pennsylvania set aside the popular vote there and pressured county officials in Arizona to delay certifying vote tallies. At the White House, discussions were underway about extending an invite to Pennsylvania's Republican legislative leadership as well.

Election law experts see it all as the last, dying gasps of the Trump campaign and say Biden is certain to walk into the Oval Office come January. But there is great concern that Trump's effort is doing real damage to public faith in the integrity of U.S. elections.

Sen. Mitt Romney of Utah, one of Trump's most vocal GOP critics, accused Trump of resorting to "overt pressure on state and local officials to subvert the will of the people and overturn the election." Romney added: "It is difficult to imagine a worse, more undemocratic action by a sitting American President."

Trump's own election security agency has declared the 2020 presidential election to have been the most secure in history. Days after that statement was issued, Trump fired the agency's leader.

The increasingly desperate and erratic moves have no reasonable chance of changing the outcome of the 2020 election, in which Biden has now received more votes than any other presidential candidate in the country's history. *Agencies*

Pfizer, BioNTech seek early vaccine approval

US giant Pfizer and its German partner BioNTech confirmed they would seek approval on Friday to roll out their coronavirus vaccine early as surging infections forced New York to shut schools and California braced for nighttime curfews. The world is looking to scientists for salvation from the global pandemic but a second wave of infections is prompting a return to the shutdowns and closures that traumatised nations and upturned the global economy at the start of the year. The first tangible signs of relief could come Friday when Pfizer and BioNTech file an emergency use authorisation request with the US FDA.

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for President-elect Joe Biden on Friday, making him the oldest president who will be sworn in (in January). Ronald Reagan left the White House in 1989 when he was nearly 78

China eyes trade pact dumped by Trump

China will consider joining a free trade pact once championed by the US but abandoned by Donald Trump, President Xi Jinping said Friday, as Beijing increasingly seeks to influence the global rules of commerce. The Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP) is an updated version of a giant deal originally backed by Barack Obama as an effort to counter China's rising might in Asia. Trump pulled out of it in 2016 as he turned away from what he viewed as unfavourable multilateral deals, but 11 countries eventually agreed to sign the new version.

Mnuchin hamstrings Biden on Covid loans

WASHINGTON

US Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin said Thursday he will not extend several emergency loan programs set up with the Federal Reserve, an action that could hamper the ability of the incoming Biden administration to gain important economic support from the central bank to deal with the ongoing pandemic.

The decision drew a terse rebuke from the Fed.

The central bank said it "would prefer that the full suite of emergency facilities established during the coronavirus pandemic continue to serve their important role as a backstop for our still-strained and vulnerable economy."

But in a letter to Fed Chairman Jerome Powell, Mnuchin said that the Fed's corporate credit, municipal lending and Main Street Lending programs would not be renewed when they expire on Dec. 31.

Under law, the loan facilities required the support of the Treasury Department, which serves as a backstop for the initial losses the programs might incur.

Mnuchin said that he is requesting that the Fed return to Treasury the unused funds appropriated by Congress for operation of the programs.

He said this would allow Congress to re-appropriate $455 billion to other coronavirus programs. Republicans and Democrats have been deadlocked for months on approval of another round of coronavirus support measures.

The future of the Main Street and Municipal Lending programs has taken on greater importance with President-elect Joe Biden's victory. *AP*

Azerbaijan leader hails handover of 1st district

MOSCOW

AZERBAIJAN'S president declared Friday that his forces have taken control of the Aghdam region, a territory ceded by Armenia in a cease-fire agreement that ended the fighting over Nagorno-Karabakh.

The truce, brokered by Russia last week, stipulated that Armenia hand over control of some areas its holds outside Nagorno-Karabakh's borders to Azerbaijan. Aghdam is the first one to be turned over.

"Today, with a feeling of endless pride, I am informing my people about the liberation of Aghdam," Azerbaijani President Ilham Aliyev said in an address to the nation. "Aghdam is ours!"

Crowds of people carrying national flags gathered in the Azerbaijani capital, Baku, to celebrate the handover of the Aghdam region.

Nagorno-Karabakh lies within Azerbaijan but has been under the control of ethnic Armenian forces backed by Armenia since a separatist war there ended in 1994. That war left not only Nagorno-Karabakh itself but substantial surrounding territory in Armenian hands.

Heavy fighting that flared up Sept. 27 marked the biggest escalation of the decades-old conflict between the two nations in over a quarter-century, killing hundreds and possibly thousands of people.

Azerbaijanis in Baku celebrate the entry of troops in Nagorno-Karabakh's Aghdam region | AP

The truce last week halted the violence after several failed attempts to establish a lasting cease-fire. It came two days after Azerbaijan, which had made significant advances, announced it had seized the strategically important city of Shusha.

Aliyev on Friday noted that Azerbaijan is taking over the Aghdam region "without a single shot (fired) or losses (suffered)," and called it a "great political success" that wouldn't have been possible without military gains.

"Azerbaijan was able to achieve what it wanted on the political arena..." *AP*

BuzzFeed to buy HuffPost in latest digital media deal

WASHINGTON

BUZZFEED is buying HuffPost from Verizon as part of a bigger deal that has the wireless giant investing in the digital-media company.

BuzzFeed and Verizon did not disclose terms of the deal. Verizon will be a minority shareholder in BuzzFeed and the two firms will partner on content and ads.

A downturn in advertising has hurt both traditional and digital-only media, resulting in layoffs and furloughs. Digital newsrooms had been consolidating even before the pandemic, including Vox's purchase of New York Magazine and its digital arms. Facebook and Google get the majority of digital-ad dollars. *AP*

EXPRESS READ

Vatican vows probe into Pope's Insta 'like'

The Vatican has launched an investigation into how Pope Francis's Instagram account "liked" a raunchy photograph of a Brazilian bikini model with her bottom on display. Natalia Garibotto, 27, posed in a white cropped top, suspenders and the smallest of tartan skirts for a naughty school girl picture that was given the thumbs up by the official Franciscus account last week. "I'm going to heaven," the blonde model tweeted after an eagle-eyed fan snapped a screenshot of the "like".

INDIA LOSING ₹74,000 CRORE TO TAX EVASION ANNUALY

Tax evasion is costing the world about $427 billion per year with cash funnelled via murky tax havens, as per the Tax Justice Network. India is losing $10 bn or over `70,000 cr

TOTAL $427 bn in tax lost annualy to global tax abuse

$245 billion is lost to global corporate tax abuse

$182 billion is lost to global global private tax evasion

Source: OECD (2016), Bank for International Settlements (2018), Tax Justice Network

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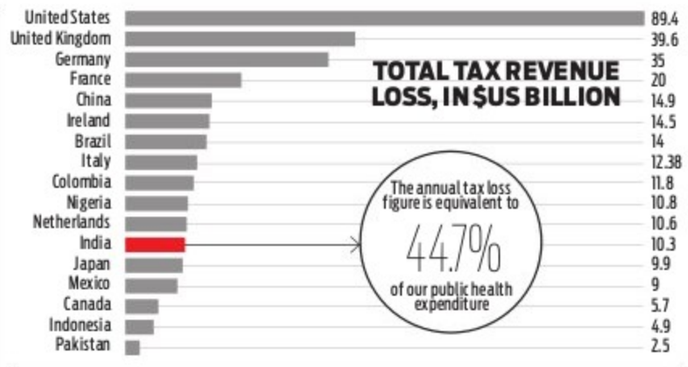
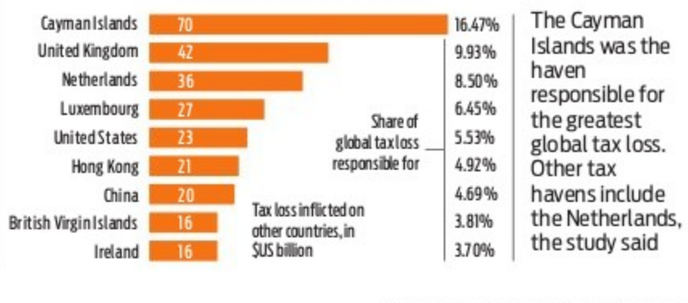
Multinational corporations are shifting about $1.38 trillion of profits via tax havens, while private individuals are investing more than $10 trillion in assets there, according to the study.

The world's richest regions including Europe and North America take the biggest hit. Tax Justice Network looked at tax declarations and OECD figures

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British Virgin Islands 16 3.81%
Ireland 16 3.70%
Share of global tax loss responsible for
Tax loss inflicted on other countries, in $US billion

The Cayman Islands was the haven responsible for the greatest global tax loss. Other tax havens include the Netherlands, the study said

ASIA MATTERS

PAKISTAN

Muslim teen guns down Ahmadi doctor in Punjab

A doctor belonging to Pakistan's minority Ahmadi community was shot dead, while his father and two uncles were injured when a Muslim teenage boy opened fire on them over "religious differences" in the country's Punjab province on Friday, police said. The Ahmadi family members were returning to their home after offering Friday prayers in Murh Balochan at Nankana Sahib, some 80 km from Lahore, when an armed teenage boy opened indiscriminate fire on them. During the firing, 31-year-old Tahir Ahmad, a doctor, died on the spot, while his father Tariq Ahmad and two uncles suffered bullets injuries. Police have arrested the attacker, aged between 16 and 17. He lives in the same neighbourhood as that of the Ahmadi family and is apparently inspired by the radical views against Ahmadis.

SRI LANKA

Train services suspended as part of Covid-19 restrictions

Authorities in Sri Lanka are suspending all passenger train service for two days as COVID-19 cases surge in the capital and its suburbs. The general manager of Sri Lankan Railways, Dilantha Fernando, said Friday that trains will be halted on Saturday and Sunday. Restrictions have also been placed on public buses. Authorities have locked down many parts of Colombo and surrounding areas since last month and have closed schools and key public offices. Police have arrested more than 100 violators.

SINGAPORE

PM's sis-in-law barred from practising law

Singapore Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong's sister-in-law was on Friday barred from practising law for 15 months over professional misconduct in her handling of the final will of Lee Kuan Yew, the founding father of modern Singapore and the patriarch of the Lee family. The Court of Three Judges, the highest disciplinary body for the legal profession, found senior lawyer Lee Suet Fern guilty of "misconduct unbefitting an advocate and solicitor", for preparing and executing the will which is seen as a gain for her husband, Lee Hsien Yang, the prime minister's younger brother. Following the death of Lee Kuan, the prime minister and his brother are disputing the status of the family property at Oxley Rise on the outskirt of the central business district and hotel belt of Orchard Road.

No Covid pause for B'desh ship sector

CHAR KALIGANJ

WORK is booming at Bangladesh's largest shipyard -- quite literally. It's difficult to hear anything over the cacophony of banging hammers and crackling sparks, proof the industry has withstood the economic shockwaves wrought by the coronavirus pandemic.

In this nation of 168 million people, much of the low-lying land is accessed via boat. Rivers are Bangladesh's lifeblood, and strong economic growth in recent years has fueled more investments in new and bigger ships. Every corner of the Char Kaliganj yard is filled with vessels under repair, and the air is thick with the acrid smell of oil and chemicals.

"The dockyards were closed in... the coronavirus lockdown. But now business is booming," worker Abul Kashem, 66, told AFP, saying he has never seen the yard south of Dhaka busier.

Passenger ferry ships are seen moored on the Buriganga River in Dhaka. Bangladesh's strong economic growth of recent years fuelling more investments in new and bigger ships | AFP

The 15,000 workers sometimes toil seven days a week to meet the demand, said Masud Hossain Palash, who heads the Bangladesh Dockyard and Shipyard Owners Association.

"Well into the 1980s, these dockyards would only make... one-storey or one-and-a-half storey wooden ferries," Kashem recalled. Now their work includes oil tankers and bulk carriers. The shipyard sector has soared on the back of the strong economy, together with the textile industry which has made Bangladesh the world's second-largest garment exporter. *AFP*

DICKENSIAN NOVEL

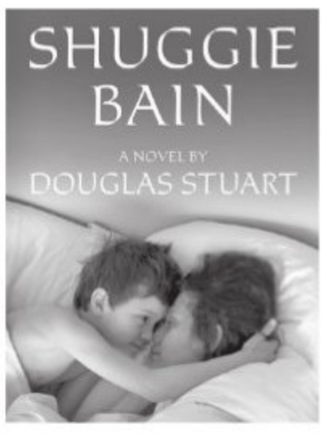
Book rejected by 32 publishers wins Booker

LONDON

SCOTTISH writer Douglas Stuart won the Booker Prize on Friday for *Shuggie Bain*, a novel about a boy's turbulent coming of age in hardscrabble 1980s Glasgow that was turned down by 32 publishers before being picked up.

Stuart, 44, won the prestigious 50,000 pound award for his first published novel, the product of a decade of work. He was the only UK-born author on a US-dominated list of six finalists for the prize, which is open to English-language novels from around the world.

A former fashion designer who is based in New York, Stuart drew on his own experiences growing up gay in economically ravaged Thatcher-era Glasgow for the story of young Shuggie and his relationship with his alcoholic mother, Agnes. Stuart dedicated the book to own mother, who died when he was 16. "My mother is in every page of this book, and without her I wouldn't be here and my work wouldn't be here," said Stuart, who declared himself "absolutely stunned" to win.

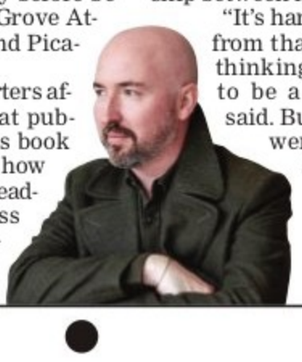


The novel's sweep, vivid characters and unflinching look at poverty have been compared to the work of Charles Dickens, but Stuart said it was rejected repeatedly before being published by Grove Atlantic in the US and Picador in the UK.

Stuart told reporters after his victory that publishers praised his book but "didn't know how to connect it with readers. "Working-class Scotland was difficult for them," Stuart said. He said his victory was a sign that "we are starting to hear and be able to respect diverse voices."

Publisher and editor Margaret Busby, who chaired the judging panel, said "Shuggie Bain" was intimate and gripping, challenging but hopeful in its exploration of Shuggie's burgeoning sexuality and the complex but loving relationship between mother and son.

"It's hard to come away from that book without thinking 'This is going to be a classic,'" she said. Busby said "there were no tantrums" among the judges, who included thriller writer Lee Child. *AP*



Market Watch

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SEBI to relax equity dilution norms for IPOs

Large issuers would now be required to offer at least 5% stake in IPO, from existing 10%

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
@New Delhi

AFTER taking feedback from foreign investors, market regulator Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) has proposed to reduce the minimum offer size in an initial share sale to five per cent from the existing 10 per cent.

"It is proposed to reduce the minimum offer to the public for large issuers to 5 per cent of post issue market capital exceeding ₹10,000 crore," Sebi said in a consultation paper released Friday. Currently, all companies with a post-issue capital above ₹4,000 crore are required to dilute at least 10 per cent shareholding in initial public offering (IPO).

While this was under consideration for a long time, the move came after large investors, particularly from the United States, flagged these concerns. The issue was also discussed in a recent online meeting between Sebi chairman Ajay Tyagi, investors and industry players from the US on October 27. Currently, the US accounts for a third of total portfolio investors.

The proposed move will also help when large issues like Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) or HDB Financial hit the markets in coming months.

The dilution is set to make things easier in the case of such IPOs. Sebi also noted that there could be a scenario where large issuers may not be compliant with 10 per cent minimum public shareholding (MPS) at the time of listing.

Accordingly, the regulator recommended that MPS of 10 per cent should be achieved in 18 months by such issuers and 25 per cent within three years from the date of listing.

Furthermore, the regulator seeks to provide additional time to comply with MPS of 25 per cent for very large issuers with post issue market capitalization of ₹1 lakh crore and above. For such issuers, it has been proposed that a minimum of 10 per cent should be achieved in two years' and 25 per cent within five years from the date of listing, according to the markets regulator.

The regulator said that the market participants have provided feedback stating that the compliance with minimum offer to public requirement—at least 10 per cent of post issue paid up — is cumbersome for large issuers. Sebi has sought comments from the public till December 7 on the proposal.

Private banks to be crucial for banking growth

SUNITHA NATTI

PRIVATE banks will be crucial for banking sector growth in India, which is currently dominated by public sector banks, hinted an RBI internal working group report on Friday.

Even though private sector credit expanded rapidly in the past five decades, domestic bank credit still remains low compared with major emerging, developing and advanced economies. Hence, the PK Mohanty-led report on private banks' ownership and corporate structure guidelines advocated that for the banking sector to play a greater role in economic growth, it is imperative for the underlying ecosystem (PSBs dominance) to change. While private banks recorded sustained growth over the years, there's a long way to break into the global top 100. Currently, only SBI figures among the top 100 global banks by size as on December, 2019. Large private banks including ICICI and HDFC have size lower than the Spanish bank, which is ranked 100.

Though banks grew significantly over the years, their consolidated total balance sheet constitutes less than 70 per cent of GDP. This is much less compared to global peers, particularly for a bank-dominated financial system. For context, in China and Japan it's over 150 per cent.

> **The net pre-tax profit generated by Indian banks per unit of operating costs is just about $0.14 million as against a global average of $1 million**
>
> RBI internal working group report

Similarly, the HHI index for India is about 0.08 for both credit and deposits, which indicates an unconcentrated industry. "The share of five largest banks in India is one of the lowest as compared to other jurisdictions. However, in terms of cost efficiencies, Indian banks are just at the bottom of the list, primarily on account of large staff costs. "The net pre-tax profit generated by Indian banks per unit of operating costs is just about $0.14 million as against a global average of $1 million," the report observed.

Reeling out data, it added that the contribution of private sector banks towards deposits and advances of scheduled commercial banks increased from 12.63 per cent and 12.56 per cent in 2000 to 30.35 per cent and 36.04 per cent respectively in 2020. In essence, PSBs have been steadily losing market share to private peers.

Private banks have higher risk appetite, still have much lower gross NPAs and smaller pool of written-off accounts, giving them much cleaner balance sheets for more productive utilisation of capital. Consequently, they also have better price-to-book value indicating their attractiveness of fresh market raising. Capital hasn't been a problem for private banks. In the past five years, private banks have been able to raise an aggregate capital of ₹1.15 lakh crore from the market as against ₹70,823 by PSBs.

ASIANOMICS

PAKISTAN
ECONOMY TO GROW 1.5-2.5%

Pakistan's economy is likely to turn around and grow 1.5-2.5% in the current fiscal year, going by the estimates of the country's central bank. The latest estimate is marginally higher than its previous projection given in September at 2%. The government too has set the GDP growth target at 2.1% as against a contraction of 0.4% in the previous fiscal year ended June, 2020. As per news reports, the State Bank of Pakistan in its latest annual report 2019-20 is believed to have concluded that Pakistan's economy was poised to pick up from where it was prior to Covid-19. It may be noted that the country has already been coursing through a severe financial crisis and is currently in dialogue with the IMF for a bailout package. It's barely surviving with financial help from other countries including China.

JAPAN
AIMS TO EXPAND TRADE PACT

A day after China indicated its willingness to join a major regional free trade pact called the CPTPP, Japanese Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga expressed his interest to explore the same. The Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP) links 11 countries including Canada, Australia and Japan. Britain had already announced its intent to pursue accession to the pact last year. "Japan wil aspire for the Free Trade Area of the Asia-Pacific through the early conclusion of the RCEP agreement and the steady implementation and expansion of the CPTPP as next year's chair," Suga said. RCEP is the world's largest free trade deal signed last week by 15 countries, while the Free Trade Area of the Asia-Pacific is potentially an even larger pact the 21-member APEC has been aspiring to.

VIETNAM
ASIA'S SHINING STAR DURING COVID-19

Vietnam's economy is expected to grow 2.4% in 2020, according to the IMF. It also predicts a strong recovery in 2021 with growth projected to strengthen to 6.5% as normalisation of domestic and foreign economic activity continues. In Q3, real GDP grew 2.6%, marking a second straight quarter of growth. According to the IMF, Vietnam is projected to rise to fourth in nominal GDP within ASEAN this year, surpassing Singapore and Malaysia and gaining on the Philippines. If low virus infections was one contributing factor, rising exports too have helped growth as companies relocated production from China. Exports grew 9.9% in October and the government expects a full-year increase of 3-4%. Due to fewer infections, job losses were limited and consumer spending, which accounts for 70% of GDP remained largely unaffected.

Power producers seek sector-specific relief measures to ease woes

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THE Association of Power Producers (APP) has written to the Union Ministry of Finance seeking several relief measures to alleviate the pressures on the critical sector, including a ₹1 lakh crore sector-specific TLTRO (targeted long-term repo operation) to ease liquidity concerns and a new policy framework that avoids unnecessary litigation.

In the letter, APP director general Ashok Khurana pointed out that orders issued by regulatory forums are routinely challenged as a matter of course, and that it was rare for directions on interim payment issued by regulatory commissions to be honoured. The APP has consequently sought a policy framework where at least 75 per cent of the claim amount has to be paid before the party can file any appeals challenging the orders of regulatory commissions. "This becomes essential to stop frivolous appeals, provide some sanctity to the Orders of the tribunal/Commissions, eliminate the inordinate delay in realising the money and huge relief to the cash strapped infrastructure sector," Khurana wrote.

As for the critical liquidity shortage arising from huge pending payments, the Centre had initially announced a ₹90,000 crore liquidity support programme for discoms in May, which was subsequently hiked to ₹1.25 lakh crore.

However, dues have continued to mount and as of the end of September 2020, discoms owed power producers close to ₹1.26 lakh crore — up by a whopping 48 per cent compared to the last year. The APP had consequently requested the rollout of "a specific (targeted long term repo operation) TLTRO tranche of ₹1,00,000 crore focused on Infrastructure companies with minimum investment grade rating" to help companies meet their capex requirements.

Industry seeks interest subvention scheme

GoI may provide an Interest subvention scheme for local manufacturers as this will help the banks to lend to such companies to revive local manufacturing which has been subdued over the last few years due to low demand from the power sector, APP said in a letter.

SOARING RATES

Petrol, diesel prices hiked after 2 months

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PETROL and diesel prices were raised for the first time in nearly two months on Friday with state-run oil marketing companies (OMC) hiking petrol prices by 17 paise per litre and diesel rates by 22 paise.

While oil prices were ostensibly deregulated a few years ago and supposed to be revised daily, the outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic has seen OMCs set aside daily international market-linked revisions in order to shield themselves from heavy volatility.

After Friday's revision, petrol was being sold at ₹81.23 per litre in the national capital and diesel at ₹70.68 per litre. This is the first change in petrol prices since September 22, and diesel since October 2.

The price changes comes amidst a fraught transition of power in the United States, which is both a key producer of crude oil and among the largest consumers. Since the end of October, Brent crude oil rates have trended steadily upward, from close to $38 per barrel to $44.5 per barrel on Friday.

While sharp, the rise is rather mild compared to the volatility the crude oil market has seen since the end of March. In April, for instance, Brent crude prices had crashed to a record low of $16 per barrel after global lockdowns brought fuel demand crashing down. Indian oil marketing companies subsequently halted daily price revisions in mid-March and kept rates unchanged for 52 days — until June 6.

Blow for Amazon as CCI clears RIL-Future deal

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IN a major setback for American e-commerce giant Amazon, the Competition Commission of India (CCI) has approved the acquisition of retail, wholesale, logistics, and warehousing businesses of Future Group by Reliance Retail Ventures Ltd (RRVL) and Reliance Retail and Fashion Lifestyle Ltd. Future had agreed to sell its business for ₹24,713 crore to Reliance.

"The Transferor Companies consists of several listed and unlisted companies, primarily engaged in retail, wholesale, logistics and warehousing businesses. These businesses operate on a pan-India basis, and include retail operations across segments such as food and grocery, apparel, footwear and accessories, other merchandise, etc. Post re-organisation of the transferor companies, RRVL and RRVL WOS will acquire retail and wholesale undertakings; and the logistics and warehousing undertaking of FEL," CCI said in a statement.

Amazon had previously approached the commission and market regulator Sebi to halt the deal saying it violates pre-existing agreements it had with Future Group. Amazon, which is also an investor in one of Future's holding companies, recently won an injunction from a Singapore arbitrator to halt the deal.

Friday's approval from CCI is seen as a big win for Mukesh Ambani's Reliance and Kishore Biyani's Future Group. Reliance Retail has raised over $6.3 billion from investors over the last three months to take on established players such as Amazon and Walmart. The acquisition of Future will give Reliance access to operate nearly 1,800 stores of Future Group spread across India. Meanwhile, the Delhi High Court on Friday reserved order on an application by Future Retail seeking to injunct Amazon from interfering in the RIL-Future deal on the basis of an interim order passed by the Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC).

Prime membership now covers 98% pin codes, says Amazon India head

BISMAH MALIK @Bengaluru

WITH massive tech adoption during the pandemic, e-commerce giant Amazon saw its prime membership swell three times during the festive season with the prime members coming from over 98 per cent of India's pinc-codes. As the demand for OTT services and online shopping grew, the e-tailer onboarded prime customers who availed services like free shipping and access to Amazon Prime video with a ₹999 per year subscription.

During a fireside chat at the Bengaluru Tech Summit 2020, Amazon India head Amit Agarwal said that online streaming has fuelled the growth of prime sign-ups for the e-commerce firm. " We saw the highest–ever two days Amazon Video viewership during the holiday season in our history," Aggarwal said.

Recent surveys by some of the independent market research firms also indicated that the viewership on streaming platforms has grown by more than 46 per cent during the pandemic and that the viewers were spending double the time watching content on OTT channels.

Agarwal added that apart from streaming services, pandemic also saw a lot of customers opting for small ticket loans from the platform under Amazon Pay later category for utility payments, which was launched during the pandemic. "Making credit accessible to our users under Amazon Pay is also generating a lot of attention. Apart from the platform, we also connect the users with the lenders," he said. Roping in local kiranas have also helped the e-commerce giant in ensuring faster deliveries and saving costs. "As many as 20,000 kirana stores were onboarded during the pandemic who are now catering to customers in their respective localities," said Agarwal.

'Over 7 lakh small biz are selling on our platform'

Amazon's India head Amit Agarwal on Friday said that the e-tailer has over 7 lakh small and medium businesses selling online on their platform. These small businesses have, in turn, pushed Amazon's exports to $2 billion under global selling initiative. Some of its other programmes include Easy Stores and Pay Smart Store.

PRE-BUDGET PROPOSAL

Hotel, tourism sector seek export, industry status

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THE Federation of Associations in Indian Tourism and Hospitality (FAITH) has urged the Centre to provide concurrent industry status and export status for the tourism sector.

While submitting its pre-Budget recommendations to the Union Budget FY 21-22 for the tourism, travel and hospitality industry on Friday, FAITH said the industry status is required for hotels and tourism across all states, as unlike commercial establishments, tourism and hospitality do not just retail but create and produce high-quality service. Power and water utility rates and levies must be at industrial rates effectively.

All existing licenses, permits, permissions will be examined for redundancies and standardized at a national level, it added. "There must be a level-playing field in terms of compliances and entry requirements among all sub-segments of conventional and alternative tourism organise the travel industry and protect it from fly-by-night operations," it said. FAITH also recommended that an export status is critical to double India's share of inbound tourism to 2.5 per cent in five years. It is key to treat at par foreign exchange (forex) earning members of tourism, travel and hospitality under export and deemed the export status to promote forex earnings. "It is important to make available the deduction in respect of earnings in convertible foreign exchange to all the tourism units earning," it said.

EXPRESS READ

Ashok Leyland floats new subsidiary

Chennai: Heavy commercial vehicles-maker Ashok Leyland on Friday said it has incorporated a wholly owned subsidiary 'Vishwa Buses and Coaches Ltd' (VBCL) with a paid-up share capital of ₹60 crore. In a BSE filing, the Hinduja Group company said VBCL is a 100 per cent subsidiary and the initial capital of ₹60 crore was fully infused by the company at par of ₹10 each per share.

Airowater to raise $20 mn for expansion

Chennai: Atmospheric water generator firm Airowater plans to raise around $20 million to fund its expansion plans and strengthen its presence in India and overseas like Africa. The funds will also go towards ramping up its R&D capabilities, said Siddharth Shah, Director of Air-O-Water. The firm is seeing robust demand from Tamil Nadu and sold almost 200 machines.

WHEELS ROLL

Maruti Suzuki sees demand for personal vehicles going up, maintains market share

ARSHAD KHAN @New Delhi

INDIA's largest carmaker Maruti Suzuki India (MSIL) sold around 2.34 lakh vehicles between the beginning of Navratri and the end of Diwali. During the five-day period between Dhanteras and Diwali, the automaker's retail sales stood at around 41,000 units, a marginal growth over 2019.

"Last year we sold around 2,10,00 units during the 31-32 day period (Between Navratri and Diwali). This year, the numbers are more because there is also a pent-up demand. Overall, the numbers have been very good. However, April-October period is still 20 per cent down year-on-year as Q1 was a total washout" MSIL executive director (marketing and sales) Shashank Srivastava told this publication.

Despite tough competition from newcomer Kia Motors and aggressive expansion of Tata Motors, MSIL still holdS more than half of India's passenger vehicle market. Its market share was recorded at 51.1 per cent by the end of October.

The carmaker is benefitting handsomely from increasing preference for personal mobility amidst Covid-19 pandemic. In MSIL's portfolio, the share of hatchbacks in total sales has gone up as high as 64 per cent. For the industry, it still stands around 47 per cent.

Srivastava added that the company is keenly watching the mid-SUV segment which is dominated by Kia Seltos and Hyundai Creta. "While our Brezza leads the entry level SUV segment, it is the mid-SUV segment that has grown in size in recent times. The size of the segment has enabled us to increase our focus... Going ahead, we will be aggressive in launching new products," he said.

MSIL is hopeful that it would be able to maintain the current momentum till the end of December. However, it remains uncertain how the market will behave from January next year. "We are clear that things are very unclear. Car sales is very much related to GDP and per capita growth. We really don't know which way the economy will move. Secondly, the sentiment factor is also very uncertain," added Srivastava. Lastly, the rising cases of Covid-19 in Delhi-NCR which fuelled rumours of lockdown at market places also remains a concern.

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CORRIGENDUM TO ADVERTISEMENT NOTIFICATION NO. 02/2020

The last date for submission of applications for the posts of **Registrar and Assistant Director (PM&RA)** against the **Advertisement Notification No. 02/2020** is extended upto **16-12-2020, 5.30 p.m.** due to administrative reasons. The applications for the posts of Registrar and Assistant Director (PM&RA) should reach the Registrar, National Institute of Plant Health Management, Rajendranagar, Hyderabad – 500 030 in hard copy on or before the above said due date. All other terms and conditions given in advertisement No. 02/2020 remains unchanged. There is no change in last date with respect to other posts (i.e. Scientific Officer (R&NMA) and Upper Division Clerk)

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER

(Through e-procurement portal only)

RPCL invites item rate tenders from eligible tenderers through GoK e-procurement portal platform **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** For the work of **"Providing RCC boundary stones for protecting RPCL land (outside YTPS Plant compound)".** Notification containing the Pre-Qualification Criteria for the bidders, calendar of the event and other relevant details can be accessed from e-procurement portal. Further details can be had from the **Executive Engineer (Civil), RPCL, YTPS, Chicksugur - 584134**, Raichur Dist., Tele/Fax: 08532-286012, Cell : +91-9480682523.

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Superintending Engineer (Ele), Project Monitoring Cell (PMC), Corporate Office, HESCOM, Hubli invites tender for providing additional 3rd 1x5 MVA, 33/11 KV Power Transformer at 33/11 KV Sub-station Bankapur in Shiggaon Taluk, Haveri District. (5 MVA power transformer to be supplied departmentally) on partial Turnkey and lumpsum basis vide Bid Indent No: HESCOM/2020-21/EL/WORK_INDENT4977.

The detailed notification regarding the bid enquiry can be obtained by logging on to the website www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in on or after 05:00 PM of 19.11.2020.

Sd/-
Superintending Engineer (Ele),
PMC, HESCOM, Hubballi.

DIPR/DWD/Yakshi/470/2020-21

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Government of Tamil Nadu - PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Building Organisation - Form of Contract : Lumpsum
Tender Notice No.24 / VLR – CLE / 2020 – 2021 / Dated.18.11.2020

For and on behalf of Governor of Tamil Nadu Sealed Tenders are invited by the Superintending Engineer, PWD., Buildings (Construction and Maintenance) Circle, Vellore –1 for the following work from the Class I Contractors registered in Public works Department of Government of Tamil Nadu, **upto 3.00 pm** as per office clock on **29.12.2020** under Two cover system (Pre qualification and Price tender). The Prequalification cover (Cover I) alone will be opened on **29.12.2020** at **3.30 PM** by the Superintending Engineer in presence of the Tenderers or their authorised agent.

Sl. No.	Name of Work	Approximate value of work including GST (Rs.in lakhs)	Amount of Earnest Money Deposit (in Rupees)	Period of Completion (including monsoon period)
1.	Construction of Museum, Library, Auditorium buildings and Other amenities in GEO Park at **Thiruvakkarai** Village in Vanur Taluk of Villupuram District.	445.00	Rs.2,32,500/-	9 Months

The E.M.D. remittance and other details can also be available from the Govt. designated website **(http://www.tenders.tn.gov.in)** and Office of the Superintending Engineer, PWD., Building (C&M) Circle, Vellore – 632 001. The tender schedule can be downloaded at free of cost from the above website, **upto 28.12.2020 - 5.45 pm.**

DIPR / 4340 / TENDER / 2020

Superintending Engineer, PWD., Buildings (C&M) Circle, Vellore-1.

(Public Works Department)

Office of the Executive Engineer, Chikkaballapura Division, Chikkaballapura.

Short-Term Tender Notification I.F.T. No.: 11/ 2020-21 Date: 17.11.2020

(For Road Works – As per Standard Bidding Document K.W. – 3 & 4 in Two cover system)

On behalf of the Governor of Karnataka, as per Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 2000, the Undersigned invites Tenders in **two cover system through e-procurement portal** from eligible Contractors registered in PWD. Those interested in participating in the tender can submit the tenders from **18.11.2020 to 27.11.2020 up to 4.00 pm.**

(1) Last date for objections-doubts and clarifications: **21.11.2020 (at 3.00 pm during office hours). (2)** Last date for submission of filled tenders: **27.11.2020 (up to 4.00 pm). (3)** Date of opening technical bid: **30.11.2020 (at 11.00 am). (4)** Financial bid will opened after approval of technical bid

For more information visit website **www.kpwd.gov.in** or contact this office during office hours.

Sd/- Manjunath L.N.
Executive Engineer, PWD Chikkaballapura Division, Chikkaballapura.

ವಾಸಾಸಂಇ/ಚಿಕ್ಕಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ/ಆರ್.ಪಿ.ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ 203/ಎಂ.ಸಿ.ಎ/2020–21

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(Public Works Department)

Office of the Executive Engineer, P.W.D, Chikkaballapura Division, Chikkaballapura.

Tender Notification No.: 04-4/2019-20 Date: 12.11.2020

(KW-4 Two Cover System as per Standard Biding Document for Road Works)

The Executive Engineer, P.W.D, Chikkaballapura Division, Chikkaballapura. The tender invites through e-Procurement portal Two Cover System, under Karnataka Transparence in Public Procurement-2000. **(1)** Tender in e-Procurement portal Date: **17.11.2020. (2)** Date of Pre-bid meeting: **18.11.2020 at 3.00 PM at above Office. (3)** Last date of sub-mission of tender documents: **27.11.2020 upto 4.00 PM. (4)** Opening of Technical Bid: **30.11.2020 at 11.00 AM. (5)** Opening of Financial Bid: **Will be intimated to Technically Qualified Bidders.** Further details may be obtained from the above office during hours on works days or from websites: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Manjunath L.N.
Executive Engineer, P.W.D.
Chikkaballapura Division, Chikkaballapura.

ವಾಸಾಸಂಇ/ಚಿಕ್ಕಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ/ಆರ್.ಪಿ.ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ 200/ಎಂ.ಸಿ.ಎ/2020–21

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Prasad Kurup, Thembra Puthen Veedu, Uliyanadu, Chirakakra, Kollam, was first accused in Chathannoor Police station as Crime No. 816/2008 U/s 465,420,34 IPC. If there is any Information about him please informed to the nearest police station or contact with the below phone number.

Chathannoor Police Station - 0474 2593250, 9446014021
ACP Chathannoor - 0474-2590666, 9497990022
ISHO Chathannoor - 9497947130

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Fax: 91-476-2680101, 2686721, E-mail: contact@kmml.com, URL: www.kmml.com

TENDER NOTICE

Competitive Tenders are invited for following. For more details please visit the E-Tendering Portal **https://etenders.kerala.gov.in** or **www.kmml.com**.

No.	Tender ID	Items
1	**2020_KMML_399365_1**	**For the supply of 5MT of Succinic Acid**

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ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

(ಇ–ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ)

2020–21 ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ **15** ನೇ ಹಣಕಾಸು ಆಯೋಗದ ಜನರಲ್ ಬೇಸಿಕ್ ಗ್ರಾಂಟ್ – 71 ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಇ–ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಸಿಂಗಲ್/ಡಬಲ್ ಕವರ್ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಕರೆಯಲಾಗಿದ್ದು, ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು/ಏಜನ್ಸಿದಾರರು/ ಸರಬರಾಜುದಾರರು ಇ–ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ವೆಬ್ ಸೈಟ್ **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** ನಲ್ಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಾಗಿ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸಬಹುದು. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆಯ ಕಛೇರಿಯ ವೆಬ್ ಸೈಟ್ **www.davanagerecity.mrc.gov.in** ರಲ್ಲಿ ಹಾಗೂ ಇ–ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಸಹಾಯಕ ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: **+91–8046010000 +91–8022631200 +91–8068948777** ರಿಂದ ಮಾಹಿತಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು

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ವಾಸಾಇ/ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ/445/ಎಂಸಿಎ/2020–21

ಸಹಿ/– ಆಯುಕ್ತರು,
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E- PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE

E-tenders are invited for Design, Survey, Supply, Installation, Testing, Commissioning & 5 Years Comprehensive Maintenance of distributed grid connected solar PV systems for solarization of grid connected agriculture consumers under "KUSUM Scheme – Component C" in JVVNL against JVVNL/KUSUM-C/GRID-SPV/TN-05/2020 (Lot 1 to 4).All the details regarding tender is available at web site www.energy.rajasthan.gov.in/jvvnl, www.sppp.rajasthan.gov.in and www.eproc.rajasthan.gov.in. In future, corrigendum/extension, if any, shall be published only at web site www.energy.rajasthan.gov.in/jvvnl, http://www.sppp.rajasthan.gov.in and www.eproc.rajasthan.gov.in. UBN No. VVN2021WLOB00327

Raj.samwad/C/20/6955 **JPR-2585 (2020)** **SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER (REGULATION)**

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MATERIALS MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT
AUCTION PROGRAMME

e-Auction will be conducted for disposal of Ferrous Scrap, Non-Ferrous Scrap, other Misc Scrap, condemned Wagon, Coaches & Locos, Scrap Rails and other Permanent Way Scrap Material.

NOTICE No: 06/2020

Sl. No.	e-Auction Conducted by	Date of Auction for the Month of December 2020			Materials for Auction
1	Dy.CMM/GSD/PER	03.12.20	16.12.20	24.12.20	The details of item to be sold in e-Auction will be available in catalogue in website. **www.ireps.gov.in**
2	Dy.CMM/CSSD/GOC	01.12.20	14.12.20	22.12.20	
3	Dy.CMM/SSD/PTJ	02.12.20	--	23.12.20	
4	Sr.DMM/MAS	04.12.20	15.12.20	28.12.20	
5	Sr.DMM/TVC	07.12.20	17.12.20	29.12.20	
6	Sr.DMM/TVC (for PGT divn)	08.12.20	18.12.20	30.12.20	
7	Sr.DMM/TPJ	09.12.20	18.12.20	28.12.20	
8	Sr.DMM/TPJ (for MDU divn)	10.12.20	18.12.20	28.12.20	
9	Sr.DMM/SA	11.12.20	21.12.20	31.12.20	

NOTICE No: 07/2020

Sl. No.	e-Auction Conducted by	Date of Auction for the Month of January 2021			Materials for Auction
1	Dy.CMM/GSD/PER	04.01.21	12.01.21	21.01.21	The details of item to be sold in e-Auction will be available in catalogue in website. **www.ireps.gov.in**
2	Dy.CMM/CSSD/GOC	06.01.21	13.01.21	22.01.21	
3	Dy.CMM/SSD/PTJ	06.01.21	--	22.01.21	
4	Sr.DMM/MAS	05.01.21	18.01.21	25.01.21	
5	Sr.DMM/TVC	07.01.21	19.01.21	27.01.21	
6	Sr.DMM/TVC (for PGT divn)	08.01.21	20.01.21	28.01.21	
7	Sr.DMM/TPJ	11.01.21	20.01.21	29.01.21	
8	Sr.DMM/TPJ (for MDU divn)	11.01.21	20.01.21	29.01.21	
9	Sr.DMM/SA	05.01.21	18.01.21	25.01.21	

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NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

Chief Engineer, Konkan Railway Corporation Ltd., invites Open Tender in Two bid system through E-Tendering on IREPS Portal from eligible contractors for the following work. **Tender Notice No. : KR-W-01-58-2020-12. Name of Work :** Complete Track Renewal (P) between Km 693/000 to 739/800 UDUPI (UD)-THOKUR (TOK) in AEN/Udupi Section of Karwar Region of Konkan Railway, Karnataka State. **Estimated Cost :** ₹ 1779.40 Lakhs excluding GST. **Closing Date/Time :** 11/12/2020 up to 15:00 Hrs. for submission of online offers/bids. **Completion Period :** Twelve months including monsoon. Manual offers shall not be accepted. Please visit **www.ireps.gov.in** website for details/ participation. Corrigendum/addendum will be hosted in this website only.

HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT

Engineering Wing
Office of the Engineer-in-Chief, Arogya Soudha, 3rd floor
Leprosy Hospital Premises,1st Cross, Magadi Road Bengaluru-560 023,
Tel.: 080-29557039 E-mail:cekhsdrp@gmail.com & cekhsdrp-hfws@karnataka.gov.in

No:HFWD/EW/EIC/TA-1/AE-4/PMC-MYS/TND/2020-21/1881 **Date: 19.11.2020**

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

The Engineer-in-Chief, HFWD, Engineering Wing, Bengaluru invites tenders from eligible consultants/firms for Appointment of Consultants for Providing Project Management Consultancy Services for the following work in two tender document system through e-procurement.

Sl. No.	Description of Work	Approximate PMC Cost (Rs. in Lakhs)	EMD (Rs. in Lakhs)
1	Appointment of Project Management Consultant Services for the work of Construction of Girls hostel building in the premises of PKTB Hospital at KRS Road, Mysuru.	30.00	0.60

Stipulated period for Completion (including monsoon): **22 Months.**

Calendar of Events: **(1)** Last date for receipt of tenders: **04.12.2020 upto 16.00 Hrs. (2)** Date of Opening of Tenders (Technical Bids): **07.12.2020 at 16.00 Hrs.**

The tender details can be downloaded from the e-Procurement platform. Tenders shall be submitted electronically at **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** and Earnest Money Deposit and Tender Processing Fee shall also be paid electronically. Interested eligible Manufacturers / Dealers shall register on the e-procurement platform to participate in this tender.

Note: Henceforth, any changes in the schedule / contents will not be published through news papers and further changes will be updated only on e-procurement portal.

Sd/-
Engineer-in-Chief,
H&FWD, Engineering Wing, Bengaluru.

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OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION, PURI, ODISHA

Phone:06752-223447/ e-Mail: eephpuri@gmail.com
INVITATIONS FOR BIDS (IFB)
Government of Odisha "e" Procurement Notice
C-221 **Bid Identification No. EEPHPURI-45 of 2020-21 Dated. 19.11.2020**

1. Name of the Work: -Civil , Electrical, WTP and pipe line work .
2. Estimated Cost: - Rs.278.33 Lakhs
3. Period of Completion: - 12 (twelve) Months
4. Date and time of availability of bid documents in the portal :- 26.11.2020 (11.00A.M) to 10.12.2020 (5.00P.M)
5. Last Date / Time for receipt of bids in the Portal :- 5.00P.M of 10.12.2020
6. Date and time of opening of bids:- 12.30 P.M of 11.12.2020
7. Name and address of the Officer Inviting Bid :- Executive Engineer, P.H Division, Puri, Phone: 06752-223447, Fax: 06752-223447, E-Mail: **eephpuri@gmail.com**
8. The bidders have to participate in ONLINE bidding only.

Sd/- 19.11.20
EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, (P.H,PURI)

OIPR 13010/11/0005/2021

STATE COUNCIL FOR TECHNICAL EDUCATION & VOCATIONAL TRAINING, ODISHA

RFP No. 1675 Dated 19.11.2020

KK-52: RFP is invited from Software Development Companies or Agencies ("Bidders") for Selection of Implementing Agency (IA) for Implementation of ICT Solutions (Online remote Proctored Exams and Web based Examination Management for Diploma courses) in SCTE&VT, Odisha.

Bidders may view and study the RFP document containing the detailed terms & conditions from the website https://sctevtodisha.nic.in/en/. The bids are to be submitted as per procedure given in this document.

Vice-Chairman

OIPR 44002/11/0005/2021

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I, **PURUSHOTHAM** S/o S. H. Ramakrishna, aged about 49 years, R/at No.245, 7th Cross, BHEL Layout, Pattanagere, R R Nagar, Bangalore 560 098, have changed my daughter name from **P. MANYA** to **"SMAYA P GOWDA"**. vide affidavit dated 18.11.2020 sworn to before Notary **T. Mallikarjuna,** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **NAKSHETHRA SUGANTH** W/o Suganth Chakravorthy, aged about 30 years, R/at No.1255, 1st B Cross, 20th Main, 2nd Phase, J P Nagar, Bangalore 560078, have changed my name from **NAKSHETHRA R** to **"NAKSHETHRA SUGANTH"**. vide affidavit dated 20.11.2020 sworn to before Notary **Neha Baddi,** at Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **(OLD NAME) PREM KUMAR,** S/o. Sukhadev, Residing at No. 1612, Sanjeevini Nagar, Sahakaranagar Post, Bangalore-560092, have changed my name to **(NEW NAME) PREM KUMAR YADAV** vide affidavit Dated. 19/09/2020 sworn before Notary Prakash.C., Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, (OLD NAME) KOHINOOR KHATUN, Residing at No. 06, Tamanna Manzil, 1st Floor, Chowla Gali, Sunkalpet Cross, Cubbonpet, Bangalore-560002, have changed my name to **(NEW NAME) KOHINOOR BIBI** vide affidavit Dated 17/11/2020 sworn before Notary R.Basavaraja, B.Com., LL.B., Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SATHYAMMA**, W/o late Gangadhara Swamy, aged about 42 years, residing at No.29, Subedarpalya, Yeshwanthapura, Bangalore-560022, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **SATHYAMMA** to **SANDHYA**, hereafter I shall be known and called as **SANDHYA** only, vide affidavit dated 02.11.2020, sworn before Advocate & Notary **PRAKASH .C**, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **KRUPA NAVEEN.N**, S/o NAGARAJ.N, residing at No.270, Akash Nagar, A.Narayanapura, Dooravaninagar, Bengaluru-560016, have changed my father name from NAGARAJ to **"NAGARAJ.N"**, vide affidavit dated: 20.11.2020 sworn before notary S.Vaijayakumar, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **LEENA LILLY SEQUEIRA** R/at No.90/A, Sangollrayana Main Street, Subbayana Palya, Maruthi Seva Nagar, Bengaluru -560033, have changed my name to **LILLY DSOUZA** vide affidavit dated 18/11/2020 Before Notary **Smt.Rajamani** Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, (OLD NAME) DARPAN B V, S/o. H Basheer Khan, residing at No. 107, 17th Cross, BSA Road, Sagayapuram, Bangalore-560005, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) DARPAN B V** to **(NEW NAME) CHAND PASHA** vide affidavit Dated 24/09/2020 sworn before Notary P.N.Nagesha, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Smt. RAMYA .R**, aged about 40 years, W/o Raghuu Rao, Residing at No. 7, II Stage, 6th Main, 5th Cross, Postal Colony, Sanjaynagar, Bengaluru-560094, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **RAMYA .R** to **RAMYAA RAGHUU**. Hereafter I shall be known and called as **RAMYAA RAGHUU** only for all practical purposes, vide affidavit dated 19.11.2020, sworn before Advocate & Notary **JALANDHARA**, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, (OLD NAME) R.ARUNA, W/o. Prabhakar.M., residing at No. 25/2, Vinayaka Road, Near CMR School, Kacharakanahalli, Bangalore-560084, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) R.ARUNA** to **(NEW NAME) HARINI.C.R.** vide affidavit Dated 20/11/2020 sworn before Notary Y.R.Chandrasekar, B.Com., LL.B., Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **POONAM ARUN NAIK** W/o **Rajesh Rama Shet,** R/at No.4220, 1st Floor, 49th main, 2nd Stage, Kumaraswamy Layout, Bengaluru-560078 have Changed my name to **POONAM RAJESH SHET** vide affidavit dated:19/11/2020 Before Notary **P.Vijaya Kumar** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, (OLD NAME) HUMEERA BEGAM, Residing at No. 4/1, E No. 1st Street Shivaji Road Cross, Shivajinagar, Bangalore-560051, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) HUMEERA BEGAM** to **(NEW NAME) HUMAIRA BEGUM** vide affidavit Dated 20/11/2020 before Notary R. Vishwanath, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, PURUSHOTTAM JOSHI S/o Gangaramji Joshi, aged about 51 years, R/at #171, 1st Floor, 17th "D" Main, LIG, Accura Hospital, 5th Block, Koramangala, Bangalore 560095, have changed my name from **PURUSHOTTAM JOSHI** to **"PURRSHOTAM JOSHII"**. vide affidavit dated 19.11.2020 sworn to before Notary **K. V. Mani**, at Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, SHAIK MEHBOOB ABDUL KHUDDUS, S/o. Abdul Khuddus Sab, Residing at Door No.38, 3rd Cross, Opposite. Shalimar Apartment, Next to Shariff House, Dinnur, R.T Nagar, Bangalore-560032, have changed my previous name **SHAIK MEHBOOB ABDUL KHUDDUS,** to NEW NAME **SHAIK MAHABOOB PASHA,** Vide Affidavit Dated 20-11-2020, before the Notary Sivakumara M.N. Bangalore City For All Official And Legal Purposes.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **PREMILA VASANTHAKUMARI IMMANUEL** R/at No.8, 7th Cross, Ground Floor, Anjanadri Bank Avenue, Bebusapalya, Bengaluru-560043 have changed my name to **PREMILA IMMANUEL** vide affidavit dated:19/11/2020 Before Notary **Smt. Rajamani** Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SIDDHARTH RAJ**, aged about 27 years, S/o Rajendrakumar .G, residing at No.14, Raj Villa, 2nd Main Road, Best Club Road, Poornaprajna Housing Society Layout, Chikkalasandra, Subramanyapura, Bengaluru-560061, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **SIDDHARTH RAJ** to **SIDDHARTHA RAJ**, hereafter I shall be known and called as **SIDDHARTHA RAJ** only, vide affidavit dated 20.11.2020, sworn before Advocate & Notary **AMBUJAKSHI,** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, NISHA SHIBU, D/o Ashokan, aged about 25 years, R/at Ithiparambil House, Police Line Road, Chavakkad, Thrissur-680506, Kerala, shall henceforth be known as **NILA CHANDHANA** vide affidavit dated 17.11.2020 before public notary L GOPALAKRISHNA, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I. **RAJI SANIL KUMAR** R/at No.F1, Sandhya Mansion 2, Chennakeshava Layout, Kacharakanahalli, Near CMR NPS, Bangalore-560043 have changed my name to **RAJI SANIL** vide affidavit dated:19/11/2020 Before Notary **Smt.Rajamani** Bangalore

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that the PROPOSED EXPANSION FOR ADDITION OF INTERMEDIATE AND ACTIVE PHARMACEUTICAL INGREDIENTS (API) of M/s. HIKAL LIMITED-unit I at Plot No, 82/A, 83-P, 83-P1 & 72, KIADB Industrial Area, Jigani, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban-560105, has been accorded Environmental Clearance from the State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority, Karnataka (Constituted by Ministry of Environment & Forest, Government of India) vide their Order No. SEIAA 48 IND 2020 Dated 04.09.2020. Copies of the certificate are available with the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board and also can be seen on the website http://seiaa.kar.nic.in or seiaa.karnataka.gov.in

M/s. HIKAL LIMITED-UNIT I
Plot No, 82/A, 83-P, 83-P1 & 72,
KIADB Industrial Area, Jigani,
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Government of Karnataka
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, RURAL WATER SUPPLY & SANITATION, DIVISION KALABURGI-585105,
Phone : 08472-278634/256944, E-mail: eerwssglb14@gmail.com

No:EE/RDW&SD/Tech/2020-21/1335 Dated : 17-11-2020

E-PROCURMENT SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

The Executive Engineer Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Division, Kalaburagi on behalf of Honorable Governor, Karnataka here by invites separate Technical & Financial tender from the Hiring Empanelment of Third-Party Inspection Agency under Jal Jeevan Mission and other works by Rural Drinking Water and Sanitation Department in Kalaburagi Division Kalaburagi district under "Jal Jeevan Mission " detailed as below.

The Tender Document with detailed condtions can be obtained through web site **http://eporc.karnataka.gov.in** and should be submitted through E-procurment system 1) Name of work : Hiring Empanelment of Third-Party Inspection Agency under Jal Jeevan Mission and other works by Rural Drinking Water and Sanitation Department in Kalaburagi Division Kalaburagi district , 2) Head of A/C : **Jal Jeevan Mission,** 3)Amount put to tender : Min Rs. 214,20,68,260/-, Max Rs. 214,20,68,260/-, 4) Eligibility of Contractor: As per bid document, 5) Date of Commencement of downloading of Bidding document : **18-11-2020 11:00am,** 6) Cost of tender form and EMD : As per E-portal, 7) Pre bid meeting Date: **26-11-2020 11:00 am** Venue: As per E-portal, 8) Last Date to submit bids on e-portal : **05-12-2020 5.30pm,** 9) Opening of Techincal Bid : **07-12-2020 11:00am,** 10) Opening of Financial Bid : **12-12-2020 11:00am,** 11) Address for any clarification reg.tender : Office of the Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking Water & Sanitaion, Division, PRE Division 1st floor Kusanoor road, Kalaburagi.

DIP/Kalaburagi/554/MC&A/2020-21

Sd/- Executive Engineer
RDW&S Division, Kalaburagi

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Gunneswaran in semifinals of Orlando Challenger

Prajnesh Gunneswaran advanced into the semifinals of the ongoing Orlando Challenger. The Indian eased past Dmitry Popko 6-0, 6-3 to reach the lasr four. He will face the winner of Christopher Eubanks or Denis Kudla for a place in the final.

Works with car, not against it: Narain on Hamilton

ASHOK VENUGOPAL @Chennai

ACE racer Narain Karthikeyan — the first Indian to drive a Formula One car — doffs his hat to Lewis Hamilton for equalling Michael Schumacher's record of seven World Championship titles. Hamilton achieved the feat on November 15 in Turkey. Narain believes it is a unique record and that the Britain-based driver still has a lot of gas left in his tank. The fastest Indian in the world insists it is difficult to compare Schuamacher with Hamilton, but has no hesitation in naming Ayrton Senna as the greatest F1 driver. He is busy training enthusiasts at his academy and in an exclusive chat with this daily, he said it will take a long time for motorsports to become normal in India. Excerpts:

Q. How does it feel that Hamilton has equalled Schumacher's record?
It was just a question of when Hamilton was going to equal it and he has managed to do it this year!

Q. What is special about Hamilton?
For starters, he hardly makes mistakes. Also, he's ultra fast in qualifying and rarely misses an opportunity to grab pole position. At the same time, he's really good with making his tyres last in the race. The Turkish GP was a classic example of that. He never slows at the wheel in corners and is rather progressive with his steering inputs. He basically works more with the car than against it. These are some of the hallmarks of really matured driving and there's no doubt that these factors have contributed to his success.

Q. Many do not know how difficult it is to win seven crowns. Having been an F1 driver yourself, can you explain the process that helps one succeed?
First of all, commitment to the sport is key. There should be no compromise on this. One needs to constantly motivate himself and carry all the self-belief, as it is very crucial to find that strength during weaker times. Securing a seat with the best car in the field on a regular basis also plays an important role in shaping one's career. Good drivers have always managed to find themselves in that position. Then, there are great drivers and there are legends. I certainly consider Hamilton the latter.

Q. Comparisons are difficult. But, was Schumacher a better driver than Hamilton?
These are different eras we are talking about. The cars are different, levels of danger are different. And, ultimately the challenges are different. You cannot compare them at all.

Q. Can Hamilton match the charm of the German?
He is charismatic in his own right, one of a kind, and fights for what he believes in.

Q. Who do you believe is the greatest F1 racer?
Ayrton Senna.

Q. The big question everyone keeps asking is can we see an Indian again in Formula One?
That's a very difficult question to answer at this moment. It's about everything coming together and making it happen. I do wish for several Indian drivers to race in Formula One.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

Indians for Olympic sailing qualifier in Feb

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN @Chennai

EVEN as the International Olympic Committee (IOC) has actively restarted the process of putting the building blocks needed to stage the Games next year, international federations are still tip-toeing. With roughly 5,000 athlete quota places up for grabs between now and the end of June, federations have a lot of work. With a second wave of the coronavirus scything through Europe and the US, they do not have a lot of hope, but to wait and watch.

However, one Olympic qualifier in sailing — Asian Sailing Championships — that was originally slated for March 2020 has a new tentative start date: February 2021. From an Indian point of view, this is significant because they could bag a few quota places here. Considering no Indian sailor has competed at the Games since 2004, it would be a big boost.

Coach Alexander Alexandr Denisiuc confirmed the development to this daily. "I won't be coming to Mumbai for (the nationals) but I will be travelling with Harshita (Tomar) and Vishnu (Saravanan) for the Asian Championships. It will be held in the first week of February."

There is also a plan of taking Harshita to a training camp in Malta. "Possible that Harshita will come to Malta for a training block in December," added the coach from Maldova. Other Indian sailors to be in action include KC Ganapathy-Varun Thakkar and **Varsha Gautham**-Aishwarya Nedunchezhiyan. Varsha, an Asiad medallist, said she would go if the qualifier is given the all clear from local authorities. "The dates are tentative and I'm awaiting clearance from local health authorities." she said.

Roy Krishna (R) of ATKMB celebrates after scoring on Friday | SPORTZPICS

ATKMB win opener

MARTIN JOSEPH @Kochi

AFTER being confined to their team hotels and training pitches for a lengthy period of time, Kerala Blasters and ATK Mohun Bagan finally kickstarted the revamped and rescheduled ISL on Friday.

When the action got underway, it was on expected lines as ATK Mohun Bagan secured a hard fought and deserving 1-0 win over Kerala at the GMC Athletic Stadium in Bambolim, Goa.

Although ATK Mohun Bagan are a new entity in ISL, this is more or less the ATK side which lifted the title last season. And they picked up from where they left off as their star striker Roy Krishna scored the winner in the 67th minute.

There were various sub-plots going into the game like Kibu Vicuna going up against his old club and Sandesh Jhingan swapping the Blasters jersey for the Bagan one.

And it was a cagey start to the game with players turning up to play after seven months. However, it was obvious that Bagan were executing their tactics better.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

'Bengaluru's core strength an advantage'

ASHIM SUNAM @Bengaluru

SEVERAL Indian Super League teams have undergone major changes in their squad for the upcoming season. FC Goa lost several key players and have a new coach while the likes of Mumbai City FC, NorthEast United FC, Hyderabad FC have also rebuilt their squad with new coaches at helm. In that regard, Bengaluru FC are fortunate to have retained the core from last season, including manager Carles Cuadrat.

Though the Blues lost Albert Serran and Raphael Augusto among others, 17 players from last season are part of the current squad. Amongst the foreigners, Juanan Gonzalez, Dimas Delgado, Erik Paartalu and Deshorn Brown were retained while the Indian core of Sunil Chhetri, Udanta Singh, Rahul Bheke and others are with the Blues. This could come as a massive advantage for Bengaluru as players are acquainted to Cuadrat's style of play.

"At least, we have a point from where to start. In the last two, three years, we have done a lot of work together. The style of football we play is the same, players know about it. We know one another very well on and off the pitch. The players also know what the coach is demanding from us," said Delgado, who signed a one-year contract extension ahead of the season.

The management also made decent additions to their attacking line, which was a worry last season. They found the net just 22 times, which was third-lowest (joint) last term, in terms of goal scored. Brazil's Cleiton Silva and Norway's Kristian Opseth are big additions up front.

Almost all teams have made some quality signings, and Delgado feels it could be the most competitive season. "It is going to be a difficult season as all the teams have new players, who are very good, experienced and played in different leagues. Since I am here, this could be the most tight league (season). All the teams will have their options and we also have to be ready."

EXPRESS READ

Siraj's father no more

NEW DELHI: Pacer Mohammed Siraj, who is in Australia with the Indian squad for the upcoming four-Test series, lost his father Mohammed Ghouse on Friday. It has been learnt that Siraj won't return for the last rites.

Novak vs Thiem in semis

LONDON: Novak Djokovic outbattled Alexander Zverev to qualify for the last four at the ATP Finals on Friday. The Serbian top seed won 6-3, 7-6 (4). **Semifinal line-up:** Djokovic vs Thiem, Nadal vs Medvedev.

KSTBC from December 14

BENGALURU: The sixth edition of Karnataka State Tenpin Bowling Championships (KSTBC) will be held in the city from December 14. The last date for submission of entries is December 10. For details contact: 9611399797.

Government of Karnataka
OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER BENGALURU SOUTH SUB DIVISION, BENGALURU.
Kandaya Bhavan, 2nd Floor, K. G. Road, Bengaluru - 560 009. E-mail : acbloresouth@gmail.com
No.: MAG/TGS, DREAMZ, GRUHA KALYAN/CR/01/2019-20 Date : 17-11-2020

PUBLIC NOTICE

Under Section 7(2) of The Karnataka Protection of Interest of Depositors in Financial Establishment Act, 2004.
The Depositors of **M/s. Dreamz Infra India Pvt. Ltd., M/s. Gruha Kalyan Pvt. Ltd., M/s. TGS Constructions Pvt. Ltd.** are hereby called upon to submit their claims along with proper proof in support of their claims **within One month from the date of this notice.**
The Claims tendered / submitted after expiry of **Period of One month** from the date of publication of this notice, shall not be treated as claim entitled to be paid under this Act.

Sd/- Dr. M. G. Shivanna, K.A.S.
Competent Authority and Assistant Commissioner
DIPR/Urban/1746/Manipal/20-21 **Bengaluru South, Sub Division, Bengaluru.**

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
(BELLARY THERMAL POWER STATION)
CIN: U85110KA1970SGC001919
No.: SE(S&P)BT/PUBL/BTN Date:18-11-2020
NOTICE INVITING TENDER (Through e-procurement portal only)
Bids are invited in two-cover system for the supply of following material required for BTPS. The tender details can be downloaded from e-procurement portal. Tender shall be submitted through e-procurement portal only i.e. **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sl No.	Description of Materials	Tender Notification No. & BTN Date	Last Date for receipt of tenders
1	5KVA online UPS system with SMF batteries of Power one Microsystems Make	KPCL/2020-21/IND3907 BTN Date: 12.11.2020	26.11.2020
2	Ceiling Fan, Pedestal Fan and Wall Mounted Fan	KPCL/2020-21/IND3911 BTN Date: 17.11.2020	02.12.2020
3	400W HPSV lamps and its spares	KPCL/2020-21/IND3812 BTN Date: 17.11.2020	02.12.2020
4	Protection and Auxiliary relays	KPCL/2020-21/IND3813 BTN Date: 18.11.2020	04.12.2020

Any extension of last date of bid submission will be intimated in e-portal. Any details required in this regard can also be had from the **Office of The Superintending Engineer (S&P) BT., BTPS, KPCLtd., Kudathini- 583152, Bellary District, Karnataka Fax No. 08392-288616, Mobile No: 09448290584. e-mail: sespbtps@gmail.com**

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
Office of the EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, MINOR IRRIGATION & GROUND WATER DEVELOPMENT, DIVISION DHARWAD
SECTION 1: INVITATION FOR TENDERS (IFT) Two Cover System) Kw-3
Ref. : This office tender Notification No. 18/2020-21 Dt:13/11/20

The Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation and Ground Water Development Division, Dharwad,Under Shiggav Taluk of Hangal Sub Division and Byadagi taluk of Ranebennur Sub Division invites tenders for 4 Works in Standard Bid Document KW-3 through e-procurement portal of the Government of Karnataka, viz., **http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** from eligible contractors for the work. 4 works under NABARD RIDF-26 Head Of Account . Maximum Amount put to tender: Rs. **89.01** Lakhs. E.M.D amount Rs. **1,79,000/-** & Minimum Amount put to tender: Rs. **85.47** Lakhs E.M.D amount Rs. **1,68,000/-**. Period of downloading tender documents from e-procurement portal: From **11/12/2020** to **28/12/2020** upto 17:30 hrs. Last date for submission of tender documents through e-procurement portal: up to 17:30 hrs on **28/12/2020**. Pre Bid Meeting Date **18/12/2020**. And Any other Corrigendum and Postponement Notification will be published only through **http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in.** Other details may be obtained from the office of the undersigned during office hours on all working days. Details published on the e-procurement website @ **http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** are final.

Sd/- Executive Engineer
DIPR/HVR/MC&A/210/2020-21 **M.I. & G. W. D. Division, Dharwad**

U JVN LIMITED
H.O.: "Ujjawal" Maharani, Bagh, GMS Road, Dehradun-248006 (Tel:0135 -2763508 Fax 2763507)
CIN No. U40101UR2001SGC025866
पत्रांक: 743 **Addendum 01** दिनांक: 19.11.2020
NIT No. 11/EE(E&M-I)/VP/2020-21
Addendum 01 has been uploaded on e-procurement portal **uktenders.gov.in** and our website ***uttarakhandjalvidyut.com***.
All other terms and conditions of the bid remain unchanged.
Details of subsequent addendum/corrigendum/cancellation etc. may be obtained from the e-procurement portal - **uktenders.gov.in** or our website ***'uttarakhandjalvidyut.com'***
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KARNATAKA BUILDING & OTHER CONSTRUCTION WORKERS' WELFARE BOARD
Kalyana Suraksha Bhavana, Dairy Circle, Bannerghatta Road, Bengaluru-29
Ph: 080-26644314 / 26644315, e-mail: karbuildworkerswelfare@gmail.com
No.: KBOCWWB/FDs/CR-04/2019-20 Date : 19-11-2020
INVITING SEALED QUOTATION
Karnataka Building and Other Construction Workers' Welfare Board is having its **surplus cess fund of Rs. 302.76 crore (Rs. Three Hundred Two Crore and Seventy Six Lakhs Only) and the Board intends to invest in Fixed Deposits (Non-callable) for one year** in Nationalized Banks in Bangalore. Interested Banks may quote their competitive rates of interest with validity period in sealed covers.
For terms and conditions and more details please visit Board Website: **http://karbwwb.karnataka.gov.in** and Contact **Sri Anjeaneya T., Deputy Secretary, Mobile No. 9448533794.**
DIPR/DDU/YC/1738/2020-21 **Sd/- Joint Secretary**
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Karnataka Renewable Energy Development Limited
(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
39, "Shanthigruha", Bharath Scouts & Guides Building, Opp.The Chief Post Master General Office, Palace Road, Bengaluru-560 001. Tel:080-22207851
No: KREDL/EC&EE/SCHOOLS/IND56/ET-8/2020-21/CALL-2 Date: 20.11.2020
SHORT-TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through e-procurement)
The KARNATAKA RENEWABLE ENERGY DEVELOPMENT LTD. (KREDL), Corporate Office, Bengaluru-560 001 invites Electronic Bids under competitive bidding from the eligible Bidders for the work of supply, installation, testing & commissioning of the energy efficient electrical gadgets by replacing the existing low efficient electrical gadgets at selected **Government Schools in Pavagada Taluk, Tumakuru district** on total turnkey basis from the reputed **Energy Efficient Electrical Gadgets manufacturers / Govt. licensed electrical contractors / ESCOs**.
The amount put to tender is about **Rs. 57.00 lakh.**
Bid documents available on e-portal: 20.11.2020 to 05.12.2020.
Last date for submission of bids:**05.12.2020 up to 5.00 P.M.**
Technical bids will be opened on: **09.12.2020 at 11.00 A.M.**
EMD: **Rs.1,14,000/-.**
Full details of the tender may be obtained by logging on **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** for any other information bidders may contact helpdesk No. **080-46010000 / 080-22631200.**
Sd/- Asst. General Manager (EE & EC), KREDL
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Government of Karnataka
Office of The Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj Engineering Division, Haveri
No.EE/PREDn/HVR/PB-4/Tender/2020-21/3942 Dtd :17-11-2020
E-Procurement
Short Time Tender Notification
The Panchayath Raj Engineering Department through Executive Engineer Panchayath Raj Engineering Division Haveri on behalf of Governor of Karnataka invites the E-Portal Tender as per KW-3 from the eligible and approved Class-I Contractors registered with P.R.E.D. and registered for e-Procurement for each of the following road work MLA Grant work as follows. Details can also be obtained in www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in
Construction of C C Drain, Improvements to grand & Basic infrastructure to Shri Beeralingeshwar Samuday Bhavan @Medleri village in Ranebennur Taluk of Haveri district. (INDENT 81349)
(1) Last date for Receipt of completed tender documents through online : **30-11-2020** upto 4.00 PM (2) Date of Technical bid opening (if possible) : **01-12-2020** @ 5.00 PM (3) Date of Financial bid Opening (if possible) : **05-12-2020** @ 10.30 AM
More details can be had from the office of the undersigned and also through our website **http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** by clicking List of Tenders which will link to all Dept. works list.
Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Panchayat Raj Engineering Division, Haveri
DIPR/HVR/MCA/204/2020-21

KARNATAKA WATER BOARD
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER,
KWB, HDWS(M), DIVISION, DHARWAD,
SIR.M.Vishveshvarayya Road, Jalamandali Compound, DHARWAD-1
Ph: 0836-2213836, Fax: 0836-2748200, Email: eedwdm@rediffmail.com
SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through e-Procurement Portal only)
Item Rate Tenders for the following work is invited (two cover system) through e-Procurement portal (https://eproc. karnataka.gov.in) from the firms/contractors who satisfy the Financial & Technical Eligibility Criteria (For details please refer e-Procurement Portal) as detailed below.
NO.KWB/EE-DWD/AE-1/TND/2020-21/3537 Date: 20-11-2020
INDENT NO:KUWSDB/2020-21/WS/WORK_INDENT2852
NAME OF WORK : Providing, laying, jointing, testing and commissioning of 219mm dia MS Feeder main to OHT, connecting main from OHT to existing distribution system and construction of valve chambers under Nagarottan in Navalgund Town. Appx.Amount Put ot Tender (in Rs): Rs.86,03,775=17, Earnest Money Deposit (in Rs):Rs.1,73,000 Cost of bid document : As per e-Procurement portal, Stipulated period for completion of works: 09 (Nine) Months including monsoon period , Technical & Financial eligibility criteria: For Technical & Financial eligibility criteria please refer e-Procurement Portal.
The details regarding participation in e-Procurement process can be obtained form e-Procurement Cell, Centre for e-Governance, Room No. 141, Gate No.2,MS Building, Bangalore 560 001, Phone:080-25501216 / 25501227, Email Support: hphelpdesk.blr@intarvo.com.
Note: [1] Registration in the Board is not mandatory. [2] The cost of Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Bid Security shall be paid in the form specified in the Bidding documents. [3] Right to accept any tender and to reject any or all tenders rests with the Chief Engineer, K.U.W.S & D Board, Dharwad. [4] A weightage of 10% per year will be added to the Annual Turnover and also to the value of completed works of the previous years to bring them to the price level of the financial year 2020-21. [5] GST shall be paid to the tendered amount separately. (6) It is mandatory to upload the various Technical & Financial eligibility requirements and also fill up the formats mentioned in various Sections of Bid Document while submitting the bids. The incomplete bids shall be considered as substantially non-responsive.
Calendar of Events

(1)	Date and time for commencement of downloading of tender doucment from the e-procurement portal	: 21-11-2020 after 11.00 hours.
(2)	Last Date & Time for Bid Submission	: 05-12-2020 upto 17.30 hours
(3)	Date & Time of opening of Technical Bid	: 08-12-2020 after 11.00 hours
(4)	Date & Time of opening of Financial Bid	: 11-12-2020 after 11.00 hours

For further details, the Office of the Executive Engineer, KUWS & D Board, Division, Dharwad may please be contacted.
Sd/- Executive Engineer,KWB, HDWS(M), Dharwad

KARNATAKA STATE POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD
49, "Parisara Bhavan", Church Street, Bengalure-560 001
Phone: 080-2558 6520/ 2558 9112 Fax: 080 - 2558 6321
E-mail: ho@kspcb.gov.in, Website: www.kspcb.gov.in
No.PCB/490/17 Cat /EPH/HPI- Novoco Vistas/2020-21/3538 DATE: 20/11/2020
ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING NOTIFICATION
M/s.Novoco Vistas Corporation Limited, have proposed to establish an industry to manufacture clinker of capacity 2 MTPA and Cement of capacity 3 MTPA, Coal based Thermal Power Plant of capacity 43 MW and Waste Heat Recovery Power Plant of capacity 7 MW at in an area of 150 Ha of Survey No.444, 445, 447, 446, 449, 452, 453, 458, 460, 463, 455, 451, 459, 464/2, 468/1, 468/2, 456, 457, 467/2, 466/4, 466/1, 466/3, 469/1, 464/1, 464/3, 465, 462/3, 462/2, 462/1, 448, 454/1, 454/2, 467/3, 469/2, 462/4, 450, 461/2, 461/3, 461/1, 466/2 of Ravuru Village, Chittapura Taluk, Kalaburgi District.
As Per Environment Impact Assessment Notification dated: 14.09.2006 and Amendment dated: 01.12.2009, the project Proponent has to obtain prior Environmental Clearance from the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India and is required to go through Environmental Public Hearing process. As per the Terms of Reference letter No. J- -11011/306/2019-AA.II (I) dated: 11-12-2019and request letter of the project proponent dated: 13.10.2020, the Environmental Public Hearing is being conducted by KSPCB.
The details of the project are as follows:

1.	**Name of the Company & Address : M/s. Novoco Vistas Corporation Limited.** Ravuru Village,Chittapura Taluk, Kalaburgi District.
2.	**Location of the Proposed Project :** Survey No.444, 445, 447, 446, 449, 452, 453, 458, 460, 463, 455, 451, 459, 464/2, 468/1, 468/2, 456, 457, 467/2, 466/4, 466/1, 466/3, 469/1, 464/1, 464/3, 465, 462/3, 462/2, 462/1, 448, 454/1, 454/2, 467/3, 469/2, 462/4, 450, 461/2, 461/3, 461/1, 466/2 of Ravuru Village,Chittapura Taluk, Kalaburgi District
3.	**Project proposed :** Proposed to establish an industryto manufacture clinker of capacity 2MTPA and Cement of capacity 3MTPA, Coal based Thermal Power Plant of capacity 43 MW and Waste Heat Recovery Power Plant of capacity 7MW in an area of 150Ha.
4.	**Date, time and venue of Environmental Public Hearing : Date: 23.12.2020 (Wednesday). Time: 11:00 AM. Place: Project Site,** Adjacent to NH-150 Opposite to Indira Nagar,Ravur Village, Chittapura Taluk, Kalaburgi District.

5. **Places of availability of project documents as per EIA Notification, which is kept open to public are:** (a) Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Kalaburgi District, Kalaburgi. (b) Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Panchayat, Kalaburgi. (c) District Industries Centre, Kalaburgi District. (d) Office of the Regional Officer, Regional Office, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Kalaburgi. (e) Gram Panchayath, Ravuru Village. (f) Ministry of Environment, Forest& Climate Change South Zone Office, E-3/240, KendriyaSadan, 4th Floor, E&F Wings, 17th Main Road, 2nd Block, Koramangala, Bengaluru – 560 034. (g) **HELP DESK:** Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Ground Floor, No.49, Parisara Bhavan, Church Street, Bengaluru – 560 001.

NOTE: Suggestions, views, comments and objections of interested bonafide residents, environmental groups and others located at project site and likely to be affected by the proposed project are invited within 30 days from the date of publication of this Notification to make oral/written/E-Mail suggestions to the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board/Chairman, Environmental Public Hearing Committee (Deputy Commissioner, Kalaburgi District, Kalaburgi). Interested public can participate in the Public Hearing at the above place. **For details please visit our Website: kspcb.gov.in.**
Sd/-
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Patent for phonograph

On this day in 1877, American inventor Thomas Edison announced his phonograph, the world's first practical machine that could record and play sound using a cylinder

FIRST RECORDING

With its innovation, for the first time a person's voice could be recorded and saved. Edison's first recording was *Mary had a little lamb, its fleece was white as snow*

INVENTIONS

Edison propelled USA into the electric age. Out of his New Jersey labs came 1,093 patented inventions and innovations that made him one of the most prolific inventors of all time

PROMOTIONS

Phonographs are also known as record players and gramophones. The Edison Speaking Phonograph Company was established on January 24, 1878, to exploit the new machine by exhibiting it

Anjali to star opposite Shivarajkumar in Shivappa

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BENGALURU BEATS

'LOCAL COMMUNITY MUST BE INVOLVED FOR US TO BECOME SELF-RELIANT'

Jyotika Kapoor
Chairperson, FICCI FLO Bangalore

Health is wealth. This statement couldn't be more apt in these times when we're in the midst of a pandemic. While much may be beyond our control, hygiene, which is of paramount importance, is, literally, in our hands. Awareness on this, through sustainable practices, is the need of the hour.

The lockdown has given us a peek into the healing that the environment required. The damage we have put it through over the last several years needs to be controlled somehow. Again, awareness on waste, clutter of disposed stuff, clogging of drains and lakes, garbage accumulated across the city need to be addressed.

Bengaluru is a city with a rich past, and this should be preserved through art -- sculptures and murals -- which could be a way to educate the general public on the reuse of waste. It has been listed as one of the Smart Cities, so in line with this tag, we need to have a smart disposition. The good news is that we can do it. We are the hub of so many new world-renowned companies that have helped put the city on the world map. We need to start making a difference in our own surroundings, by becoming responsible citizens. Each one, teach one-- will get us to the top position on the global map.

SOLUTION: With the best climate to offer, Bengaluru has all that is needed to make it the best city. The only lacking aspect is infrastructure that needs to tremendously improve. Projects need to finish faster, the city needs to constantly move, and BBMP should have strict protocols for hygiene. The city also needs to be beautified with walkways. Each locality should have members who take responsibility to keep their area sparkling. Widespread planting of trees, solar solutions, beautifying of parks -- these are some aspects that need to be looked into. All this will lead to better air quality, a battle we are waging, both as a country and as a city. The local community needs to be involved for us to be atmanirbhar. Let's put into practice some of these aspects, which will go a long way in instilling a sense of pride.

Let your mixed feelings about Bengaluru get stirred up, as an influential person talks about things nice and nasty about the city in this weekly column

CHASING THE DREAM

Have a startup idea but don't know where to begin? This city firm's new TV show aims to provide just the platform you need

Monika Monalisa

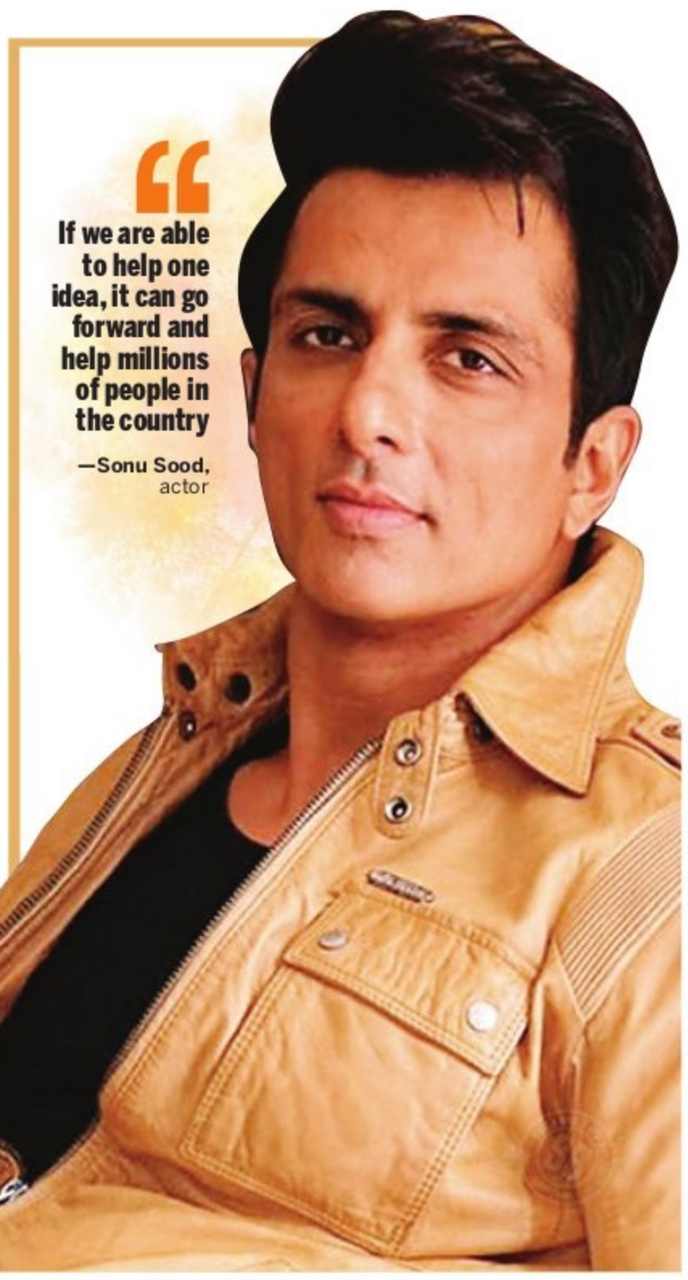
Whether it's over coffee or idle chit chat at dinner, startup ideas always seem to be lurking around. However, many a times, while the pitch may sound promising, the idea does not go beyond that conversation. Here is a chance to see those ideas come to fruition. A new platform, called India's Biggest Start Up, which was launched on Friday by Bollywood star Sonu Sood on his social media pages, will give a chance to people to pitch their startup proposals and interact with top investors in the country.

It will follow the lines of the popular American reality show, *Shark Tank*. All entries will be taken through the organiser's website – kuberanshouse.com. The top 100 submissions will be showcased on national television. Sonu Sood, who will anchor the Hindi show, says he was thrilled with the idea when he was approached by the team around three months ago.

The participants can submit entries in 15 categories in different sectors, like e-commerce, manufacturing, agriculture, fin-tech and biotech. While the first 500 selections will get a fellowship certificate, the final 100 will get a chance to be trained by the judges on board and also get an investor for their project. "Many a times, the reason an idea does not work is lack of clarity or a proper pitch, which makes people lose out on a good investor. But on this platform, you will not just get a chance to work on your idea but to interact with investors who will provide training," says Ranjith Royal, the Bengaluru-based co-founder and COO of Kuberan's House, which has conceived the programme. The show will be produced by DR Talkies, which has earlier come up with Kannada reality shows like *Dancing Star, Kick,* and *Dance Dance.*

They have already received over 1,000 entries, and are currently speaking to different business minds to bring them on board. "We are in talks with CEOs of companies like Paytm, Oyo group and Flipkart. These guys have been there long before anyone else, and are good at what they do. So participants can learn a lot from them," says Ranjith, adding that the whole process will take 2-3 months.

Ranjith Royal



"If we are able to help one idea, it can go forward and help millions of people in the country
—Sonu Sood, actor

Aparna Jaishankar

AS THE LEGEND GOES...

According to many authors, Lord Krishna gave Geetopadesha when Arjuna resisted the idea of going for a war against his cousins. But according to the 15th century Odia poet Sarala Das, the incident comes twice in the whole story. While the second one was during the war, the first was when the Pandavas were in exile. The story goes that when Arjuna went on a hunt, he came across a Navagunjara - a creature made of nine different animals. Eventually it is revealed that it was Krishna who adopted that avatar to impart the knowledge that it is impossible to see the whole picture of the story, and that the knowledge you receive from a story depends on the part you are exposed to.

This city-based storyteller will highlight the many regional versions of Mahabharata

Of epic learnings

Monika Monalisa

Did you know about the version of Mahabharata where Shakuni is against the Kauravas instead of the Pandavas? Turns out there are many more twists in this great Indian epic that city-based storyteller Aparna Jaishankar will explore in an upcoming event. She will also shine a spotlight on the lesser known women in the story, such as Madri, King Pandu's second wife; Hidimba, Bheema's first wife; and a maid named Parishrami, who was Vidur's mother. "Many might have come across these characters in the Mahabharata but not much has been written about them," says Jaishankar, who has been a storyteller for five years.

The event will also look at the different regional and folk versions of the epic. "While the core story remains the same, these versions have other details in them. For example, the Bhil tribe has a different version." This, she emphasises, is the beauty of Indian mythology that brings different layers to a story. "It is still fiction because we don't know if it really happened. But the story managed to survive for so long and travel across borders for people to adapt it," she explains. For instance, Indraprastha is popularly known to be situated near Haryana and Delhi, but there is also a version where it is believed that during the exile, the Pandavas lived in a cave in Karnataka. "Somehow the geography does work out but the fact that people adapted it in their own way makes it more interesting," says the 42-year-old storyteller, who will be doing a physical session for the first time after February.

(The event will be held at Lahe Lahe, on Nov. 21, 5pm onwards)

EXPRESS POETRY CONTEST

ASURA

- Kruthika H C

A sweet maiden steps out into the murky night
Walking with a lantern held up high
Caught in emotions, unaware
Lurking in the darkness somewhere in the woods
Waiting in ambush where a pack of wolves
As cold mists veiled the mountain peaks
Ominous silence hung noisily
Stacking millets in the field
Tonight she has company
Ghostly shadows emerge from behind the elder trees
Dark beasts move in a loping pace
Anger and lust flicker in their face
She stood frozen in a daze
Howling with purpose, the impatient pack
She stared at the shadows and the shadows stared back
A plentiful feast is generously laid
The wolves feed excitedly
Tearing her skin greedily
Insensitive ears fail to hear her plea
Her mangled body lay paralysed
Every face she saw was the grey wolf in disguise.
In a forlorn tone she questioned why? Watching life as it passes by
The small hamlet woke in a massive uproar
Thousands of men holding torches paraded the roads
They swore to bring down the feisty beasts
But little did these wise fools know
That lingering amidst them the pack roamed
The sun grew dim, the shadows died
The moon grew thin, the clouds didn't cry
A mother eagerly awaits her child
A pyre of scraps they threw up in haste
Strange men in uniforms set her ablaze
No kith or kin to mourn and grieve
But from the very dirt she would rise
We are in this together, you and me
Let this infamous fable be told
To every woman young and old
Lurking in the darkness somewhere in the woods
Waiting in ambush are a pack of wolves
Waiting in ambush are a pack of wolves

(The submission won the first place in the poetry contest recently held by Bengaluru City Express in association with HarperCollins)

CITY READ

Bank offers e-governance solutions to BWSSB

Axis Bank has partnered with Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) to manage various e-payment collections. The integrated payment solutions will help BWSSB authorities to collect payments from its customers, who can pay through Bharat Bill Payment System (BBPS), BHIM UPI/QR Code.

PRESERVING PAST

Classic makeover

150-yr-old postal building on Palace Road to be restored by the state heritage dept

S. Lalitha

The majestic building on Palace Road, which houses the office of the Chief Postmaster General (CPMG) of Karnataka Circle, will be handed over to the State Archaeology, Museums and Heritage Department for restoration and maintenance purposes. 'Beaulieu', which translates to 'Beautiful Place', was built in the late 1860s by Lancelot Ricketts, who held many posts in the Mysore Commission and served as the first editor of the Mysore Gazette.

An MoU was signed recently between the postal department and the commissioner of the department in Mysuru, Sharda Sampath, chief postmaster general, Karnataka Circle, told CE. "We have a civil engineering section in our department that can carry out such restoration work, but we decided to do it through professionals with expertise in this specific field," she said.

K Raveendran, director of Postal Services, Karnataka Circle, said, "The Indian Postal Department is keen on preserving its heritage structures and will be funding the cost of ₹34 lakh for the work. A sum of ₹25 lakh was handed over on Nov. 17 to the Commissioner of the State Heritage Department."

The building is unique in many aspects, stressed G D Bhat, Assistant Director, Buildings, Karnataka Circle. "According to the state archives, it was built on 24 acres of land and is a fine 'Period' building in a garden setting. The entrance porch has a flat arc on the north and south sides with three flat arches in front. There are three levels of perforated parapets. It is further embellished with four gables (triangular ends) and bays on the east and west front with intricate wooden fretwork."

The office of the CPMG began functioning here in 1966. "It is still in a good condition and the office continues to function even today from there. However, it has become very old and there is water seepage at a few places. Hence, we have decided to carry out restoration of the building to preserve its grandeur," he said.

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—K Raveendran, director of Postal Services, Karnataka Circle

MUSIC FEST

Bacardi Nh7 Weekender will go digital this year. The 2-day festival, on December 5 and 6, will feature a diverse lineup, including popular names in music like Prateek Kuhad, Lifafa, Taba Chake, Vidya Vox, The Lumineers and Raja Kumari. Tickets **available on** insider.in

MIND MATTERS

Take part in this 4-week long course on mindfulness, by Dr. Saroj Dubey, a gastroenterologist and mindfulness practitioner. Learn about mindful eating, listening, dealing with stress and anxiety, thoughts and emotions.
When: Nov. 28 - Dec. 19
Where: Check Insider.in for tickets

SUNDAY BRUNCH

Satiate your cravings and take part in this Sunday Brunch with everything from salads to desserts.
Where: Lush, Renaissance Bengaluru Race Course Hotel
When: Every Sunday

EUROPEAN FILM FEST

The ongoing 25th edition of the European Union Film Festival in India extends its offerings as it presents a specially-curated line-up of events in addition to the 42 films that are available to watch through November. The side events will bring together over a dozen unique speakers from Europe and India, through sessions focused on the different facets of filmmaking. The festival will also organise a conversation on climate change.
For details, visit: euffindia.com

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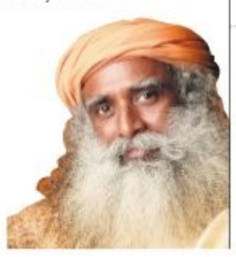
Self care

An online workshop conducted by Sadhguru, Indian Engineering Online is a programme for self-transformation in seven sessions, providing education in meditation and self-care. It will be held till December 6. **For details, visit:** bookmyshow.com



Green dot menu

Smoke House Deli has curated a collection of new vegetarian specials, like Fresh Burrata and Caramelised Peach Salad, Green Apple and Pear Salad, and Crispy Tofu with Orange Marmalade.
When: Till Nov. 26
Where: Lavelle Road and Indiranagar

Automobile Art Festival

The Cartist Festival 2020, which brings together automobile and art communities in India, will convene artists, designers, automobile experts, students from multiple institutes, aesthetes, and general public on a common platform to share and discuss art, inspirations, and others on November 27.
For details, visit: bookmyshow.com

Comedy night

Get ready for a laughter riot with actor-comedian Vir Das who will be performing at a socially distanced show.
Where: Forum Shantiniketan Mall, Whitefield
Where: Dec 4 - 6

The latest from Evoluzione

Evoluzione presents designer Anamika Khanna's latest designs. Her new collection transmits a crisp and clear message that "Everything is AK-OK." It showcases a versatile range of bomber jackets, sweatshirts, kaftans, kimonos, and wraps with intricate stitching and printing it into the borders, linings, and prints of each garment.
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Ubisoft and Reebok release their first collaborative capsule collection, celebrating the highly anticipated launch of Assassin's Creed® Valhalla, the next installment in the Assassin's Creed Franchise. The bespoke collection is headlined by three footwear styles in exclusive colorways inspired by the northern lights – Zig Kinetica, Club C Revenge, and Classic Leather Legacy. Priced from ₹6,599 onwards. **Available at:** shop4reebok.com

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PISTACHIO PANNA COTTA

INGREDIENTS

- **Fresh cream:** 300ml
- **Castor sugar:** 130g
- **Gelatin:** 1.5 tbsp (soaked in approximately 1/2 cup of water)
- **Pistachios:** 40g (soaked for 3-4hrs)
- **Salt:** a pinch
- **Sweet saunf:** 1 tsp
- **Sweet supari:** 1 tsp
- **Milk:** 1/2cup
- **Green food colour:** a drop (optional)

METHOD

- Soak the gelatin in water. Keep aside. Grind the soaked pistachios, salt, sweet saunf, sweet supari and milk to a fine paste. Keep aside.
- In a pan, bring cream sugar to a boil. Take off heat and whisk in gelatin and pistachio paste.
- Dip cups or small glasses of your choice in hot water and pour the dessert mix in them. Garnish with chopped salted pistachios and rose petals.
- Set for 3 to 4 hours in the refrigerator.

– Dr Archana Diwan, Bengaluru

FIT BIT

ARDHA VISVAMITRASANA
(HALF VISVAMITRA'S POSE)

In Sanskrit, ardha means 'half' and asana means 'pose'. Visvamitra here denotes Sage Visvamitra, one of the popular sages in the Hindu mythology. Poses that include 'ardha' in the name can be practised by beginner yogis before advancing to the complete expression of such postures. This asana activates the Muladhara (root) chakra, which is associated with vitality, stability, survival and staying rooted.

STEPS

- Come into a high lunge with your right shoulder underneath your right knee.
- Bring your left knee to the floor, keeping your left foot in line with your left knee.
- Press shoulder and leg together. Lift your right heel toward the pelvic floor.
- Take the outside of your right foot with your left hand, bring your torso through your arms, rolling your right ribs forward and left ribs back into a twist.
- Keep pressing your shoulder and leg together to steady the lever of your upper thighs. As you begin to lift up, you may feel yourself slumped over your front leg. Press down through your supporting hand and reactivate the lift of your pelvic floor.
- When you feel weight in your wrists engage Mula Bandha.
- Press your right foot into your left hand and extend your leg.
- Once you extend your leg, start to activate the twist. You'll know you've entered the full pose when your whole body feels as though it's working together. Gaze in the direction of your twist.
- After 5-10 breaths, rest in Pada Hastasana.
- Repeat on the other side.

BENEFITS

- Stretches and tones the muscles of the arms, legs and sciatic nerves.
- Strengthens the upper body, wrists and legs.
- Improves concentration, sense of balance and body awareness.
- Opens up the side waist and torso.
- Stretches hamstrings and inner thighs.

LIMITATIONS

- People suffering from lower back pain, sacroiliac and hamstring injury, shoulder or wrist injury should avoid this.
- Don't attempt this if you have tight hamstrings.
- Beginners must practise under the guidance of a yoga expert.

– by N Elumalai, PhD scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

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AASAI

A man kills his wife when she learns that he lusts after her sister. He then begins to make his moves for his sister-in-law. When he tries to sabotage the girl's marriage, her fiance gets suspicious.
- Cast: Suvaluxmi, Vadivelu, Ajith Kumar, Prakash Raj, Nizhalgal Ravi

PONVIZHA

Ponni's father and many villagers die in an accident just before Ponni's marriage. She is banished from the village and hated by all. Bharathi, a jobless man comes to her rescue.
- Cast: Suvaluxmi, SN Lakshmi, Manivannan, Ranjith, Napoleon

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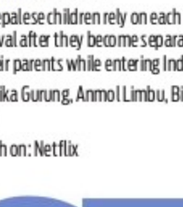

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Chris Gardner takes up an unpaid internship in a brokerage firm after he loses his life's earnings selling a product he invested in. His wife leaves him and he is left with the custody of his son.
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CITY OF GOD (Portugese)
In the poverty-stricken favelas of Rio de Janeiro in the 1970s, two young men choose different paths. Rocket is a budding photographer who documents the increasing drug-related violence of his neighborhood. José "Zé" Pequeno is an ambitious drug dealer who uses Rocket and his photos as a way to increase his fame as a turf war erupts with his rival, "Knockout Ned". The film was shot on location in Rio's poorest neighbourhoods.
Cast: Alice Braga, Leandro Firmino, Seu Jorge, Alexandre Rodrigues
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TRAIN TO BUSAN (Korean)
Seok-woo and his daughter are on a train to Busan on the latter's birthday to see his wife. However, the journey turns into a nightmare when they are trapped amid a zombie outbreak in South Korea.
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BOTTOMS UP

TOPPING IT OFF

Be it a twirl of orange rind or a pineapple wedge, there's more to the garnish that tops a drink than just aesthetics

AMAN DUA

Have you looked at a bartender happily drop a wedge of lemon in your rum and coke, and wondered what role that little citrusy slice would do to the tall glass of the drink? But that is until you take the first few sips. That's when the realisation and appreciation of the slice of lime hits you. The role of that carelessly swimming wedge is to create these delicate contrasts that every now and then hit your palate, cranking up the drink's mouthfeel.

Throughout the history of drinks, this very ability of a bartender to transform basic garnishing ingredients into clever flavourants has been the hallmark of great cocktails. Be it the twirl of an orange rind dropped in the drink, the rim coated with fragrant salt for that amazing margarita, or the little marbles of pineapple and lemon that add more flair and fun to a glass of pina colada... Let's face it, when it comes to garnishes, the role isn't that of only aesthetics. They are there for a purpose. This was the reason why for a major part of the cocktail back story, there were only three or four garnishes in use.

The trend, however, changed with prohibition when garnishes had to serve more than just be there for a contrast. They were key to creating great flavours in cocktails, which sadly were made with not so high calibre liquor. Result, the garnish space – which till then were limited to a few lemons, and lime and mint – now saw the entry of fresh fruits, cherries and even a celery stick, which played the stunning role of a palate cleanser. It was the first time that bartenders around the world realised that a garnish need not be there just to make the drink look pretty – that could be done with the cocktail umbrella or using the pineapple or coconut shell for a glass; it was to enhance a drink's appeal. The driving logic was that if you can put it in a drink, it should be gulp-worthy.

Yet, one had to wait till the arrival of molecular gastronomy for bartenders to experiment with ingredients that previously seemed too radical a thought. In came flowers, fresh fruits, herbs and berries. Thanks to prohibition era and molecular science, James Bond could finally call for his martini, shaken not stirred, with two green olives.

The past few years also saw serious work in this field, with bars striving to become sustainable. I admit that the knife to glass concept for bars didn't work well initially as we could not think beyond rinds or juices for our garnishes. The tipping point came a few years ago when, armed with the science of harvesting an ingredients, bartenders began experimenting with different techniques to create garnishes that are more than just pretty faces on a glass.

In came dehydrated rinds, fruit wedges, powdered herbs, flavoured salts and even pickled vegetables, that not only added to the cocktail taste but also upped the ante of cocktail making as bartenders were quick to give up calorie heavy synthetic juices, concentrates and syrups. One such innovation that changed the way cocktails were made is the dehydrator. With this little contraption one could not only utilise the prep but also create garnishes that were flavour powerhouses. Pickling also helped us harvest unique flavours that create impressive tastes. And recently, it is the sugar candies. Created in-house, these transparent garnishes work beautifully for cocktails where the sweetness is often the first note, and the key to success is in its minimalism.

The bonus, it cuts the expense – nearly ₹2,000 is spent by bars daily on fresh garnishes – by more than half. Now that's what a sustainable bar looks like -- and it all starts with a simple garnish, dried, dusted or simply dropped for better palate effect.

(The author is the beverage programmer at Raahi Neo Kitchen and Bar)

APPLE PIE DONUTS

INGREDIENTS:

For dough 1
- T45 Flour: 675 gm
- Yeast: 150 gm
- Milk: 525 gm
- Sugar: 180 gm

For dough 2
- T45 Flour: 1,275 gm
- Gluten: 75 gm
- Bread improver: 4.5 gm
- Yolks: 900 gm
- Salt: 45 gm
- Butter: 525 gm
- Vanilla essence: 15ml
- Lemon zest: 20 gm

For apple pie mix
- Peeled and diced apples: 3
- Lemon juice: 2 tsp
- Water: 150 ml
- Brown sugar packed: 70 gm
- Granulated sugar: 20 gm
- Cornstarch: 15 gm
- Cinnamon: 1/2 tsp
- Butter: 25 gm

METHOD:
- Mix dough 1 for 6 minutes and proof it for 1 hour
- Add dough 1 to dough 2 and make another dough
- Cut it into dough balls of 30 gm and press to flatten
- Proof it till the dough is double in size
- For donuts, make a hole in the centre
- Fry it at 170 degrees for 8-10 minutes
- Fill the donuts with apple pie mixture and top with crumble.
- Finally sprinkle cinnamon sugar

"I grew up in Rishikesh and at the time, I knew only one pastry shop in the vicinity. I was besotted by the different donuts the shop sold. I would force my grandmother to take me there every Sunday. My love for pastries and donuts started from there

- **Ashutosh Gairola,** master pastry chef, Ganache, The Ritz-Carlton, Bangalore

"My childhood memory revolves round this port of Malpe, where my father used to take me to buy fish. Fresh sea prawns were my favourite. I would climb on to the kitchen counter and watch in amazement as my mother would weave her magic around the dish. The uniqueness of this curry was the fresh sweet flavour of the sea prawns beautifully marrying the delicate hint of asafoetida and the aroma of the coconut oil.

- **Udayshankar Shenoy,** chef, Lazy Suzy.

GOOD OL' DAYS

Fun-filled days, no care in the world... Ah, the sweet, sweet taste of childhood. Chefs in the city recreate dishes from their growing up years, all flavoured with a dash of nostalgia

DALCHA GHOST

INGREDIENTS:

For mutton curry
- Mutton: 1 kg
- Finely chopped onion: 1 cup
- Finely chopped tomato: 1 cup
- Green chilies chopped: 2
- Cloves: 4Cardamom: 5
- Cinnamon: 1 inch

For mutton marination
- Ginger and garlic paste: 1 tablespoon
- Red chili powder: 2 teaspoon
- Coriander powder: 2 teaspoon
- Salt: 1 teaspoon
- Cooking oil: 2 tablespoon

For cooked dal mixture
- Masoor dal: ½ cup
- Chana dal: ¼ cup
- Water: 2 ½ cup
- Salt: ½ teaspoon
- Turmeric: ¼ teaspoon
- Cooking oil: 1 tablespoon
- Peeled & deseeded bottle gourd: 400 gm

For dal gosht tadka
- Sliced onion: 1
- Dry red chilies: 2
- Kasuri methi: 1 tablespoon
- Kashmiri red chili powder: 1 teaspoon
- Garam masala powder: ¼ teaspoon
- Amchur powder: 1 teaspoon
- Ghee: 2 teaspoon
- Chopped coriander leaves

"One of my cherished food memories was entering the house after school and Bombay traffic, only to be welcomed by the aroma of Dal Gosht and pulao flavoured with pandan. I would enter saying, "Aaj dal ghost bana hai kya". Ammi would greet me with a hug and affirm my guess. Even today, she will ensure her homemade Dal Gosht is waiting for me when I visit Bombay. It takes me back to my childhood; the kitchen that was home, that made me at home in every kitchen. - **Altaf Patel,** executive chef, Geist Brewing Factory

METHOD:
- Marinate mutton with ginger & garlic paste, red chili powder, coriander powder, and salt for 30 minutes.
- Take masoor dal and chana dal in a bowl. Soak for 30 minutes.
- Transfer soaked lentils along with the water to a pressure cooker. Add 2 more cups of water, 1 tablespoon cooking oil, ¼ teaspoon turmeric powder, and ½ teaspoon salt. Place the lid with the whistle and cook on a medium flame until 3-4 whistle.
- Once cooked, beat the lentil mixture until smooth in texture.
- For the mutton curry: Heat cooking oil in a pressure cooker and add whole spices like cinnamon, cloves,cardamom, sliced onion, green chilies and fry until the onion turns pink
- Add marinated mutton pieces and fry for 1 minute on high heat. Then add chopped tomatoes and 1 cup of water. Close the lid and cook until mutton is done.
- For Dal Gosht Tadka: Heat 2 teaspoon ghee in a non-stick saucepan. Add dry red chilies along with sliced onion and fry until light golden in colour. Then add kasuri methi, 1 teaspoon red chili powder, ¼ teaspoon garam masala powder and fry for some minutes.
- Add cooked and whisked dal mixture, cooked bottle gourd (laukee) and stir well.
- Finally, add the cooked meat curry from the pressure cooker, amchur powder, and chopped coriander leaves. Stir well and simmer the curry on low flame for 5 minutes. Serve hot.

SUNGTA HUMMAN (PRAWN HUMMAN)

INGREDIENTS:
- Fresh prawns, shelled and deveined: 200 gm
- Fresh grated coconut: 350 gm
- Green chilly slit lengthwise: 2
- Dry red chili: 5
- Tamarind pulp: 15 gm
- Gum hing(preferred): 2 gm
- Turmeric powder: 1/2 tsp
- Cold pressed coconut oil: 50 ml
- Salt: To taste

METHOD:
- Heat half a teaspoon of oil in a small pan and when medium hot, roast the red dry chilies for 3 minutes. Flame to be very slow. Once roasted, remove from fire and let cool.
- In a mixer/ grinder, add the fresh grated coconut, roasted red chili, ¼ tsp turmeric powder, tamarind, half a cup of water and grind to a fine paste.
- In a small bowl, add about 2 tbsp of water into the gum hing and dissolve the hing to a milky consistency.
- Take deep bottomed vessel (earthenware pot preferred), pour the fine ground paste into the pot and pour about 1.5 cups of water and bring the gravy to boil. Add little salt.
- Once the gravy boils, add in the prawns and green chilies. Simmer the flame, cover the pot with a lid and let the prawns gently simmer for 5 minutes.
- Add in the dissolved hing water, give it a gentle stir, cover and cook for another 3 minutes.
- In a small tempering bowl, add the cold pressed coconut oil and place on flame till oil is hot. Pour over curry, stir and cover with a lid, simmer for 2 minutes. The prawn humman is now ready to be served with steaming hot rice.

PIZZA

INGREDIENTS:
- Pizza base: 8 inch
- Sauce: 70-80 ml
- Cheese: 70-80 gm
- Snack peppers: 5
- Roasted tomato: 1
- Olive oil

METHOD:
- Set the oven at the highest temperature (220-250 celsius) for about 10-15 minutes.
- Assemble everything, place in oven. Take it out once the dough is brown. Serve hot.

My most vivid memory of pizza is from when I was growing up in Delhi. I was five years old and my parents would take my sister and I to the legendary Nirula's to eat their Veggie Pizza with double cheese. When we started Brik Oven, I wanted every person coming in to feel the belonging and love I felt every time I ate at Nirula's. What an irony - from being in awe of pizzas to owning a pizza brand now.

- **Sreeram Anvesh ,** co-founder, Brik Oven

Millet and mass appeal

• Vidya Iyengar

As young boys growing up in Thenkahalli in Mandya, Mahesh and Chandrashekhar Basavanna remember munching on chakli and pappad made from ancient grains. While there has been a renewed interest in ancient grains, Chandrashekhar rues the niche audience it is available to. Which is why their offerings -- Millet Crunchies Tomato, Millet Chikkis Peanuts, Millet Cookies Coconut, Millet Bars DryFruits, Millet Bars Immunity Booster -- are priced between ₹5 and 50. Launched recently, the all-day snacking products by Kiru will be sold on e-commerce sites and their website. "Ironically, rice, which was considered a rich man's grain, is now widely available, while millets, which used to be a poor man's grain, are being marketed for only a certain section of society," says Chandrashekhar.

Their farmland, located in the interiors of the village, hardly gets any water supply. Which is why millets thrive there. "A hardy crop, it has high nutritional value and is ideal for everyday consumption. It requires less water and does not need pesticides or insecticides to fast track growth. With a history of over 3,000 years, millet are now considered a lost grain. It was once a pride of the region," he says.

They are also incorporating traditional recipes, methods and technology. "We involve the local community in sourcing ideas, recipes and adding a local touch," he says. The team produces finished products – which are all baked and not fried -- working directly with farmers, and passing on the benefits to them, ensuring sustainable employment for the region. "This includes aiding the farmers in the crop growth to locally sourcing most of the ingredients required for the product development, employing the community in manufacturing and packaging of the end products. Farmers form the core of our company and operate all functions at the factory."

While business is on a shaky ground at present, Chandrashekhar is confident that their launch comes at the right time. "Food and health are key aspects at this point. At the same time, people are looking to make a healthy switch," he says, adding that the call for vocal for local has only added impetus to their project.

NUGGETS

New range of handcrafted tea blends launched

Smaart Eats, India has recently launched Smaart Blooming Teas, a range of handcrafted tea blends. It is available in seven different flavours without any preservatives or artificial flavouring. They are available on the website smaarteats.com/. The different flavours include classic green tea, luscious rose, minty chamomile and tulsi mint.

Eggless cheesecake workshop

This weekend, learn eggless cheesecakes with the founder of the Le15 chain of patisseries and cafes, Pooja Dhingra. It will take place on Nov 21. The interactive baking session will be hosted by chef Pooja herself and participants will learn Eggless Basque Cheesecake and Chocolate Cheesecake. Check insider.in for tickets, which are priced at ₹1,770. The workshop begins at 11am.

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SID SRIRAM CROONS FOR *TOM AND JERRY*

The film, directed by Raaghav Vinay Shivagange, has the singer lending his voice to a track expressing the failure of the hero in love, which has been composed in thapanguchi style

CE Features

Tom and Jerry, helmed by dialogue writer-turned-director Raaghav Vinay Shivangange, has singer Sid Sriram lending his voice to one of the songs. The popular musician who has created chartbuster albums in Telugu and Tamil, has recorded a song in a Kannada film for the first time. "Sid Sriram, who was waiting for a good opening in Kannada cinema, liked the tune of this track composed by Mathews Manu, who has also written the lyrics. Though we had got this song recorded by the singer in January, we could not reveal the details owing to the pandemic," says the director, adding, "It's a solo number, which expresses the failure of the hero in love. It has been completely tuned in the *thapanguchi* style. The film includes five songs, and this track sung by Sid Sriram will be one of the film's highlights."

For Raaghav Vinay Shivaganga, who was part of the dialogue writing team for *KGF Chapter 1*, *Tom and Jerry* will be his first feature film as an independent director. The film, bankrolled by Raju Sheregar, has been titled after the popular cartoon series, and explores the subject of friendship with a blend of humour and emotions.

Tom and Jerry is co-produced by Vinay Chandra and features Nischith, of *Gantu Moote* fame, and Chaitra Rao in the lead roles. The latter is known for her teleserial, *Jodi Hakki*, and made a transition to the silver screen with *Mayabazar*, which was directed by Radhakrishna Reddy. The film also stars Tara, Jai Jagadish, Rangayana Raghu, Kaddipudi Chandru, Padmaja Rao, Gunakshekar, and Prakash Tumbinadu, among others.

Tom and Jerry is being made under the banner of RidhiSiddhi Films. The crew includes cinematographer Sanketh. Suraj is handling the editing, while Arjun Raj has choreographed the stunts. The makers have completed the shooting for the film and are busy with the post-production work now. They are planning to hold an audio launch in January and release the film in April 2021.

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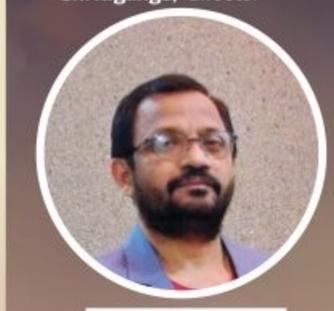
— Raaghav Vinay Shivagange, director



Raju Sheregar

Raaghav Vinay Shivagange

A still from the film

Sid Sriram

Anjali to star opposite Shivarajkumar in *Shivappa*

Shivarajkumar

CE Features

South Indian actor Anjali is going to star opposite Shivarajkumar in *Shivappa*, the upcoming movie directed by Vijay Milton. Confirming the development, producer Krishna Sarthak told *CE* that they were in talks with a few heroines, and now, Anjali has been finalised. The actor, who has worked in Telugu, Tamil and Malayalam films, made her Kannada debut with *Honganasu* and later followed it with *Rana Vikrama*, directed by Pavan Wadeyar, in which she was paired opposite Puneeth Rajkumar. *Shivappa* will be her third outing in Sandalwood, in which she will be sharing screen space with the Century Star. "If all goes as per plan, she will be joining the team in the first schedule, which begins on Nov. 23," says Krishna Sarthak.

Umashree

Umashree to come on board *Shivappa*

Shivappa has a host of noted actors, including Dhananjay, Pruthvi Ambaar and Shashikumar, as part of the cast, and the latest to come on board will be Umashree. The senior actor, who is back on silver screen after five years with *Ratnan Prapancha*, has now signed her next project. According to the producer, *Shivappa* will have Umashree featuring in a major role. The action-packed commercial entertainer will show Shivarajkumar in three looks. It will have Anoop Seelin composing the music.

Anjali

ACT 1978: A thriller with a social message

A Sharadhaa

Film: *ACT-1978*
Director: Mansore
Producer Devaraj R
Cast: Yajna Shetty, B Suresha, Pramod Shetty, Sanchari Vijay, Avinash, Shruthi, Dattanna, Achyuth Kumar, Sharanya and Raghu Shivamogga

While *ACT- 1978* is not an everyday story, it still manages to highlight a common man's plight through the story of the protagonist Geetha. The ordeals she faces at the hands of government officials will seem all too familiar for a large section of the watching public. The movie is another extraordinary contribution by Mansore, who has helmed *Harivu* and *Nathicharami*. The plot, in the beginning, mirrors a hostage thriller and gives us a glimpse into a very familiar government system. Geetha (Yajna Shetty), a pregnant widow, enters a government office with an old man Sharanappa (Suresha B) and locks up the officials. She threatens them with a pistol and a bomb, tied to her waist and uses handheld radios to coordinate.

What does Geetha want? Just the release of an amount already sanctioned by the government, but kept on the backburner by local officials. Tired of being asked for bribes, Geetha takes the violent route to get her due. The movie plays out like a game of chess with a masterful stroke at the end by the director which will leave you shocked. The inner politics in the functioning of a government department, which does both good and bad, is laid bare for the viewers to see.

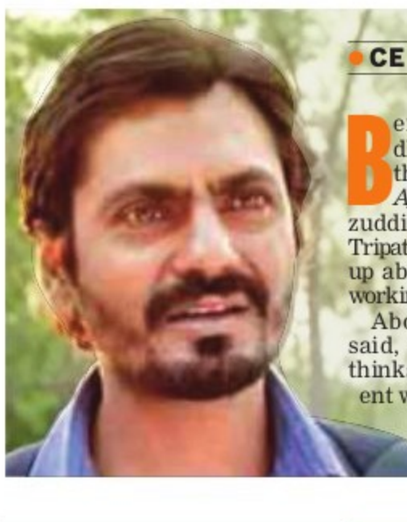
Not a fast-paced thriller, *ACT-1978* depends more on the performances delivered by the actors. The casting is great and Yajna Shetty seems to be the perfect choice for the protagonist's role. Suresha B and Pramod Shetty support her well as do the rest of the cast including includes Achyuth Kumar, Shruthi, Dattanna, Krishna Hebbale, Sharayna, Raghu Shivamogga, Avinash, Sanchari Vijay, PD Sathish, and Shobhraj.

ACT-1978 is a writer's film, and this is yet another extraordinary contribution by Mansore to the Kannada film industry. He is well-aided in this endeavour by writers TK Dayanand and Veeru Mallanna, who have written gripping dialogues. Having personally endured such ordeals, Mansore effectively brings about the problems faced by such bureaucratic red-tapism. The movie mocks the government, reminding it in a not-so-kind way about its duties. It brings out the pain that government acts create for those governed by them and it also manages to faithfully portray the media's role in such issues.

RATING 3.5/5

Handling a delicate topic, the film excels technically as well. Colour grading gets a lot of importance, with Satya Hegde, the DOP, doing a satisfying job. Makeup and sound are given thought too. Though there is only one theme song in the film, the immersive background music is by Ronada Bakkesh and Rahul Shivkumar is a strength.

One of the first films to release post lockdown, *ACT-1978* is definitely worth a watch and is a thriller with the potential to create awareness, both in citizens and government officials..



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Nawazuddin Siddiqui's *Anwar Ka Ajab Kissa* set for OTT release

Bengali filmmaker Buddhadeb Dasgupta helms the Hindi film *Anwar Ka Ajab Kissa* starring Nawazuddin Siddiqui and Pankaj Tripathi. The actors have opened up about their experience of working on the project.

About his role, Siddiqui said, "He is a detective who thinks in a completely different way - one that cannot be comprehended by the common man. He lives in a world of his own creation and follows his heart. It was a memorable experience to enact such an interesting character, and I am sure that he will find a distinct place in everyone's hearts."

The film narrates the story of a person who seems to be in search of an invisible elixir that will bring peace to his soul.

Pankaj Tripathi, who plays a pivotal role, said, "It is a film that explores the beauty of the human mind and its intricate nature. I am happy to have been a part of this movie - one that touches your heart and leaves a smile on your face as you see it revealing different aspects."

The film also features Nikharika Singh, and is scheduled to drop on Eros Now on November 20.

A witless, unwatchable crime comedy

Shilajit Mitra

Barely have the credits rolled on *Mirzapur Season 2* and here comes Divyendu Sharma again, accosting a man in a loo. "*Kahe humare aadar ka mother-father kar rahe hain*?" he asks. "Why are you shading my hospitality?" Divyendu's bluster isn't out of place. His new show, *Bicchoo Ka Khel*, is about filmy characters caught in their own filmy loops. But where Mirzapur worked hard to earn its Bollywood stripes, Bicchoo feels like bad fan fiction — the Shakti Kapoor of genre tributes.

The show begins with Akhil (Divyendu) killing a prominent lawyer during a college function in Varanasi. Brought under arrest, he calmly narrates his story: how his father, Babu (Mukul Chadda), was framed for a murder he didn't commit and put in jail, which led to his suicide. The whole thing traces back to a murky redevelopment project coming up in the city. The dead lawyer was involved, as were several of his cronies. Thus, Akhil killing him in cold blood is both an act of revenge and a leveling with a system he thinks killed his father. "My dad was a Madhuri fan," he explains in a kooky voiceover. "But they made an Amrish Puri of him."

The first episode — inexplicably titled 'Duniya gol hai, har baap ka double hai' — appears to introduce a straight revenge story. In truth, director Ashish Shukla's show is anything but. Working with screenwriter Gibran Noorani, he switches genres recklessly, like eager kids let loose in a DVD store. The initial mood is blithely comic; Akhil tailing a suspect across the ghats of Benaras has shades of detective fiction, while his love affair with Rashmi (Anshul Chauhan), whose father he's about to kill, further curdles the plot. There are courtroom scenes I couldn't wrap my head around. A jailbreak is teased in episode 3 and quickly forgotten. The female characters are either having affairs or getting hit by cars. Only Zeishan Quadri as a wry, role-playing cop is watchable in a mostly scattered show.

Bicchoo Ka Khel
Cast: Divyendu Sharma, Zeishan Quadri, Anshul Chauhan, Rajesh Sharma
Streaming on: ALTBalaji

RATING 1.5/5

The opening credits also hawk a tribute to the Hindi film music of "the 70s and 80s." Yet, apart from a few RD Burman nods in the score, the show fails to excite musically. The main theme — with its annoying 'lagao…lagao….lagao…' — is repeated throughout, regardless of scene or context. The few older songs we hear are used unimaginatively: Kaanta Lagaa plays during a funeral, Kajra Mohabbat Wala at a wedding. The dialogue is equally nonsensical. "A rich man saves money to fend off the courts," Akhil says at one point, "…a poor man to pay his child's fees. But I'm middle-class… so I'm screwed." Okay, buddy.

Since *Mirzapur 1*, Divyendu has emerged as one of the most exciting actors on the Indian web. His ability to play criminal characters with humour and cheek is fairly unmatched. Yet shows like Bicchoo Ka Khel only dilute what is clearly a rare and formidable talent. It's what they did to Seann William Scott or Michael Cera or Arshad Warsi by repeatedly casting them in the same roles. When a judge in this show goes, "Please…get a little sincere," it's like he's warning Divyendu of the pratfalls of success.